## **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

### **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

#### Introduced

House Bill 3285

By Delegates Rowan and Hanna

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Intr HB 2021R3357

A BILL to amend and reenact §18B-10-4b of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to expanding availability of health science and technology programs throughout the state in order for high school students to have the opportunity to participate and receive a tuition waiver to certain state institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

# ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEY COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

#### §18B-10-4b. Additional fee waivers for health sciences and technology academy programs.

- (a) In addition to the number of fee waivers permitted in sections five and six of this article for undergraduate, graduate and professional schools, each state institution of higher education may waive all fees or any part thereof for students who are residents of West Virginia and who successfully complete the health sciences and technology academy affiliated programs.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "Health Sciences and Technology Academy Programs" means those programs in the health sciences designed to assist junior high and high school students in conjunction with their parents and teachers, to enhance their knowledge and abilities in subject matters which will further a career in the field of health sciences.
- (c) Effective July 1, 2021, the health sciences and technology academy affiliated programs shall be made available to students throughout the state whose schools are not currently served by these programs.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide statewide eligibility for the health science and technology programs.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.