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House Bill 4986

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-5-19e, relating to providing computer science and cybersecurity
 3 instruction for adult learners.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-19e. Computer science and cybersecurity instruction for adult learners.

1 (a) The Superintendent of Schools shall provide grants not to exceed \$300,000 total to
 2 school districts, nonpublic schools, area career and technology centers, job service and West
 3 Virginia Workforce centers, public libraries, adult education centers, and learning centers that
 4 qualify as non-profit entities under 26 U.S.C.S. §501(c)(3) to offer computer operations and
 5 cybersecurity courses for adults. This shall occur on a biennium basis beginning on July 1, 2024,
 6 and ending June 30, 2026.

7 (b) School districts, nonpublic schools, public libraries, area career and technology
 8 centers, job service and West Virginia Workforce centers, adult education centers, and learning
 9 centers that qualify as non-profit entities under 26 U.S.C.S. §501(c)(3) shall use all or part of the
 10 grant money to pay a stipend to a teacher of the course.

11 (c) The Superintendent of Schools shall create guidance to implement the grant program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide computer science and cybersecurity instruction for adult learners.

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