

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Enrolled**

### **Senate Bill 146**

By Senators Rucker, Oliverio, Phillips, Roberts,

Swope, and Hamilton

[Passed March 9, 2024; in effect 90 days from  
passage]

1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §18-5-19e, relating to requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to create a  
3 taskforce to consider options for direct funding of adult education learning centers;  
4 declaring legislative findings; providing for membership and meetings of the taskforce;  
5 establishing deadlines for the taskforce to be created, to begin its meetings, and for  
6 submitting a report of recommendations to the Legislative Oversight Commission on  
7 Education Accountability; and establishing sunset date.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-19e. Adult education taskforce.**

1 (a) The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) While adult learning centers are part of the West Virginia Department of Education, that  
3 department is not obligated to fund these adult learning centers;

4 (2) Funding for adult learning centers derives its income from many areas without any  
5 regularity;

6 (3) A taskforce to study and consider funding options, the existing funding sources, and the  
7 best approach to provide direct funding for the adult learning centers would stabilize the regularity  
8 of funding these centers.

9 (b) The State Superintendent of Schools shall establish in the West Virginia Department of  
10 Education a taskforce to consider options for direct funding of adult education learning centers.

11 (c) The taskforce shall include at a minimum the State Superintendent of Schools, or his or  
12 her designee, the head of the adult education learning centers, and geographically diverse  
13 representatives from the community, including, but not limited to, representation from business  
14 and the community college system, appointed by the State Superintendent of Schools, in  
15 consultation with the Chancellor for Community and Technical College Education.

16 (d) The State Superintendent of Schools shall determine the number of members of the

17 taskforce and eligibility to serve.

18 (e) The meetings of the taskforce shall be open to the public and follow the Open  
19 Governmental Meetings Act.

20 (f) The taskforce shall be created and begin its meetings on or before July 1, 2024, and  
21 submit a report of recommendations to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education  
22 Accountability by December 1, 2024.

23 (g) The provisions of the section shall sunset on December 31, 2025.