# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

### **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

### Enrolled

#### **Committee Substitute**

for

## Senate Bill 280

BY SENATORS GRADY, STUART, TAYLOR, ROBERTS,

PHILLIPS, DEEDS, TARR, AND AZINGER

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

passage (June 7, 2024)]

Enr CS for SB 280

- 1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
- 2 designated §18-5-41a, relating to allowing a public school classroom teacher to respond
- 3 to student inquiries or answer student questions about scientific theories of how the
- 4 universe and/or life came to exist.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

#### §18-5-41a. Allowing discussion of certain scientific theories.

- No public school board, school superintendent, or school principal may prohibit a public
  school classroom teacher from responding to student inquiries or answering questions from
- 3 students about scientific theories of how the universe and/or life came to exist.

The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is .....

Day of ....., 2024.

Governor