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House Bill 2462

By Delegates Anders, White, Ridenour, Kump, Kimble, T. Howell, Dean, and Bridges

[Introduced February 17, 2025; referred to the Committee on Education]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1 and §18-36-2, relating to establishing April 19th as Patriots Day and to require all public schools in West Virginia to commemorate this by studying about the Minute Men who fought for this country's freedom from British Rule.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

article 36. Patriots Day Established.

§18-36-1. Establish Patriots Day in public schools.

In honor of the Minute Men who fought against tyrannical rule and for the freedom of this nation from England, and in commemoration of the battles of Lexington and Concord, April 19th of every year shall be known as Patriots Day in West Virginia Public Schools.

§18-36-2. Required Patriots Day educational activities.

On the closest Friday to April 19th of each year that is not during Spring Break, students must study the battles of Lexington and Concord, including the reading of first-person accounts of these battles in honor of the Minute Men who served.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish April 19th as Patriots Day and to require all public schools in West Virginia to commemorate this by studying about the Minute Men who fought for this country's freedom from British Rule.

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