

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **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]

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,  
 2 designated §18-36-1 and §18-36-2, relating to establishing April 19<sup>th</sup> as Patriots Day and to  
 3 require all public schools in West Virginia to commemorate this by studying about the  
 4 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.**

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

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

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

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish April 19<sup>th</sup> 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.