

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2602**

By Delegate McGeehan

[Introduced February 19, 2025; referred to the  
Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated §18-1-5, relating to school curricular standards and assessments;  
3 discontinuing the use of common core standards and assessments in the state.

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

**ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS; LIMITATIONS OF CHAPTER; GOALS FOR EDUCATION.**

**§18-1-5. Public school curricular standards and assessments.**

1 (a) For purposes of this section:

2 (1) "Common Core" means the Common Core state standards adopted by the West  
3 Virginia State Board of Education on May 12, 2010, and also referred to as the West Virginia Next  
4 Generation Standards.

5 (2) "Assessments" means the Smarter Balanced Assessments or any other student  
6 assessments intended to measure student achievement in the common core standards.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, effective July 1, 2025, the  
8 State Board of Education may not continue to implement the academic content standards  
9 developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative or any assessments currently  
10 implemented as part of the Initiative.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to discontinue the use of common core standards and assessments in the state.

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