WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2729

By Delegates Crouse, Lucas, Brooks, Dean, Masters,

Petitto, Clay, and D. Cannon

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Committee on Health and Human Resources then

Education]

- A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 designated §16-3-4d, relating to prohibiting vaccine and immunization requirements for
- 3 certain schools in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

§16-3-4d. Prohibition on mandatory immunizations or vaccinations for private, parochial,

<u>charter, virtual charter, and remote public schools.</u>

- 1 (a) The provisions of §16-3-4 are not applicable to students enrolled in private, parochial,
- 2 <u>charter, virtual charter, and remote public schools in this state.</u>
- 3 (b) Students enrolled in private, parochial, charter, virtual charter, and remote public
- 4 <u>schools in this state shall agree to obey all rules of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities</u>
- 5 Commission governing awards, all-star games, parental consents, physical examinations, and
- 6 vaccinations applicable to all high school athletes, as otherwise set forth in §18-2-25.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit vaccine mandates for certain schools in this state. The bill acknowledges that student athletes must still adhere to certain guidelines.

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