

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 54

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WOODRUM, BARTLETT, AND DEEDS

[Reported March 20, 2025, from the Committee on
Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §18-2-9b, relating to requiring all public schools located within this state to give
3 age-appropriate instruction on the Holocaust.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-9b. Requiring age-appropriate instruction on the Holocaust.

1 All public schools located within this state shall give age-appropriate instruction on the
2 Holocaust, the systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi
3 Germany, a watershed event in the history of humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an
4 investigation of human behavior, and an examination of what it means to be a responsible and
5 respectful person: *Provided*, That this instruction may not be given before grade six.