

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 4145

By Delegate Crouse

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred to the
Committee on Government Organization then
Finance]

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,
2 designated §5-34-1, authorizing the Governor's Office to create a school choice office.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 34. SCHOOL CHOICE OFFICE.

§5-34-1. Creation of school choice office.

- 1 (a) Subject to legislative appropriation for this purpose, the Governor's office is authorized
2 to create a school choice office with adequate personnel to assist students and parents
3 participating in a school choice option.
- 4 (b) The school choice office may coordinate with the Department of Education in providing
5 students and parents with all available options for attending school in this state, including but
6 limited to public schools, private and parochial schools, virtual schools, homeschool, learning
7 pods, and micropods.
- 8 (c) The office of school choice may utilize the statewide homeschool online portal as a
9 means of providing students and parents with their available options.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the creation of a school choice office by the Governor.

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