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House Bill 4587

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NOTE

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding three new sections

2   designated §18B-1D-13, §18B-1D-14, and §18B-1D-15, relating to prohibiting state funds

3   from being used for certain degrees and creating an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1D. HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY.

§18B-1D-13. Duties of the Higher Education Policy Council.

1   The Higher Education Policy Council shall:

2   (1) Adopt rules to prohibit state funds from being allocated or expended, either directly or

3 indirectly, for low-earning degree programs. These restrictions shall include, but are not limited to,

4 the following categories of higher education funding:

5   (A) Individual student financial aid;

6   (B) Base operational or instructional funding;

7   (C) Separately or specially appropriated aid or grants; and

8   (D) Capital or facilities funding.

9   (2) Annually review updated federal determinations of low-earning outcome programs

10 under section 84001 of Public Law No. 119-21 and adopt rules in accordance with subsection (1).

11   (3) Submit an annual and publicly available report to the legislature documenting:

12   (A) Programs prohibited from receiving state aid;

13   (B) Enforcement of such prohibitions; and

14   (C) The estimated fiscal impact due to the prohibitions.

§18B-1D-14.   Limitations   on   administering   higher   education   aid.

1   A political subdivision of this state shall not allocate or expend local public funds, either

2 directly or indirectly, for low-earning outcome degree programs as determined under §18B-1D-13

3 of this code.

§18B-1D-15.   Effective   date.

1   This act shall take effect upon passage.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit the degrees for which state funds can be used to obtain.

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