

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**ENGROSSED**

**Committee Substitute**

**for**

**House Bill 5004**

By Delegates Masters, Watt, Pritt, Pinson, and

Hornbuckle

[Originating in the Standing Committee on Health and  
Human Resources; Reported February 26, 2026]



1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections,  
2 designated §16-1-8a, relating to acute-onset neuroimmune disorders; providing  
3 education.

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

## **CHAPTER 16. PUBLIC HEALTH.**

### **ARTICLE 1. STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM.**

#### **§16-1-8a. Inclusion of PANS and PANDAS in existing public health programs.**

1 (a) The Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, in consultation with the State Health  
2 Officer, shall, in its existing public health programs and services, to educate health care  
3 professionals on evaluating and treating Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome  
4 (PANS) and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal  
5 Infections (PANDAS).

6 (b) The Bureau for Public Health shall, in its existing, relevant public health outreach  
7 programs, incorporate information to increase understanding and awareness of PANS and  
8 PANDAS, including signs to be aware of, such as:

9 (1) Presence of obsessive compulsive disorder and/or tics;

10 (2) Symptoms begin between age three and puberty;

11 (3) Acute-onset and episodic (relapsing-remitting) course;

12 (4) Association with Group A Streptococcal (GAS) infection; and

13 (5) Association with Neurological Abnormalities disease.