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2026 REGULAR SESSION

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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 5004

BY DELEGATES MASTERS, WATT, PRITT, PINSON, AND

HORNBUCKLE

[Passed March 12, 2026; in effect 90 days from
passage (June 10, 2026)]

1 AN ACT 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.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2026.

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Governor