

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 5045

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Delegate Toney

[Introduced February 02, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18A-2-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to changing the recommended guidelines for full-day and half-day cooks to the minimum
3 ratio of one cook for every 110 meals prepared and served.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

§18A-2-13. Recommended guidelines for full-day and half-day cooks.

1 The following guidelines are ~~optional guidelines~~ mandatory that county boards ~~may shall~~
2 use when scheduling full-day and half-day cooks:

3	Number of 4 <i>Meals</i>	Number of 5 <i>Cooks</i>	Average Number of 6 <i>Meals Served Per</i> 7 <i>Cook's Hours Worked</i>
6	<u>1-90 1-110</u>	1	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
7	<u>91-135 111-166</u>	1.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
8	<u>136-180 167-222</u>	2	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
9	<u>181-225 223-278</u>	2.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
10	<u>226-270 279-334</u>	3	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
11	<u>271-315 335-390</u>	3.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
12	<u>316-360 391-446</u>	4	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
13	<u>361-405 447-558</u>	4.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
14	<u>406-450 559-614</u>	5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
15	<u>451-495 615-670</u>	5.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
16	<u>496-540 671-726</u>	6	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
17	<u>541-585 727-782</u>	6.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
18	<u>586-630 783-838</u>	7	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
19	<u>631-675 839-894</u>	7.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
20	<u>676-720 895-950</u>	8	<u>12.00 14.67</u>

21	<u>721-765 951-1006</u>	8.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
22	<u>766-810 1007-1062</u>	9	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
23	<u>811-855 1063-1118</u>	9.5	<u>12.00 14.67</u>
24	<u>856-900 1119-1194</u>	10	<u>12.00 14.67</u>

25 A meal prepared for a school lunch shall be established as a whole meal. Other meals shall
26 be equal to three fourths of a school lunch meal.

27 Beginning with the school year 2027-2028, the minimum ratio of school cooks shall be one
28 cook for every 110 meals prepared and served.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to change the minimum ratio of school cooks to one cook for every 110 meals prepared and served.

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