

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5269**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Lewis, and Hansen

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Committee on Finance]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §11-13NN-1, relating to creating "The Young Professional Tax Credits" for student loans; and allowing tax credits for student loans for graduates between ages 18 and 40, together with a refundable child care credit.

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

**ARTICLE 13NN. THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL TAX CREDITS.**

**§11-13NN-1. Tax credits for student loans.**

(a) Credit allowed. —

(1) For those tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, there is allowed a credit for any taxpayer between the ages of 18 and 40 years, who has student loan debts, against personal income taxes imposed by this state.

(2) For those tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, there is allowed a refundable credit for any taxpayer between the ages of 18 and 40 years for child care equal to the federal deduction for dependent children of a college graduate who reside in this state, notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary.

(b) Amount of credit. — The tax credit equals the accumulated amount of interest on the student loan for the taxable year: *Provided*, That a taxpayer who is a college graduate with no student loan debt is entitled to an annual tax credit of up to \$1,000 of personal income tax until the taxpayer reaches the age of 40 years or leaves the State of West Virginia, whichever first occurs: *Provided, however*, That this tax credit may be claimed by any graduate from age 18 to 40 or until all of the student loans are repaid.

(c) Other tax credit requirements. — In addition to the qualifications specified in subsection (a) of this section, a taxpayer shall be a resident for at least three years to be eligible for the tax credit for student loans.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create "The Young Professional Tax Credits" for student

loans. The bill provides that the credit applies to college graduates from ages 18 to 40 or until the student loan is repaid. The bill also provides for a refundable child care credit.

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