

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 5339

By Delegate Dillon

[Introduced February 09, 2026; referred to the
Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
 2 designated §18A-2A-2, relating to prohibiting retaliation toward school employees for
 3 opinions expressed on social media.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2A. TEACHERS BILL OF RIGHTS.

**§18A-2A-2. Prohibition of retaliation toward school employees for opinions expressed on
social media.**

1 No public school district nor supervisor shall take adverse action against a public school
 2 employee for expressing opinions on social media or otherwise in public. Allegations of slander or
 3 libel against an employee shall not be addressed by disciplinary or job action.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit retaliation toward school employees for opinions expressed on social media.

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