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House Bill 5677

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NOTE

By Delegates Toney, Dittman, Campbell, Cooper, and

Roop

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new section, designated §18-2-47,
2 relating to the creation of the Coalfield Career Pipeline Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-47. Coalfield Career Pipeline Program.

1 (a) The Coalfield Career Pipeline Program is established to expand workforce training in
2 coalfield counties.

3 (b) Authorized uses include mobile CTE units, paid apprenticeships, certification
4 programs, and partnerships with local employers.

5 (c) Priority industries include commercial driver licensing, diesel and heavy equipment
6 mechanics, healthcare occupations, information technology, electrical, construction, and
7 emerging energy trades.

8 (d) Preference shall be given to multi-agency applications involving boards of education,
9 workforce development boards, economic development authorities, county commissions, and
10 regional planning and development councils.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the Coalfield Career Pipeline Program.

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