

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Originating

House Bill 5686

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on February 26, 2026]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated section §18-31-6a of this code, relating to the timing of payments of annually
3 required deposit into an eligible recipient's Hope Scholarship account.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 31. HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

§18-31-6a. Payments.

1 Notwithstanding the any provisions of §18-31-6(d) of this code to the contrary, beginning
2 July 1, 2026, one quarter of the total annually required deposit into an eligible recipient's Hope
3 Scholarship account shall be made no later than August 15 of every year, one quarter of the total
4 annually required deposit shall be made no later than October 15 of every year, one quarter of the
5 total annually required deposit shall be made no later than January 15 of every year, and one
6 quarter of the total annually required deposit shall be made no later than April 15 of every year.