

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 1034

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Senators Morris and Grady

[Introduced February 20, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
 2 designated §18-9A-25a, relating to providing funding to county boards of education for
 3 certain students not enrolled in public schools in the county that either receive, or are
 4 eligible for but don't receive, a Hope Scholarship.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 9A. PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT.

§18-9A-25a. Foundation allowance for loss of funding for certain students not enrolled in public schools and not a recipient of a Hope Scholarship.

1 If a student is not enrolled in a public school, and is eligible to be a recipient of a Hope
 2 Scholarship as provided in §18-31-1 et seq. of this code and elects not to take the scholarship, the
 3 county board of education in which the student resides shall receive funding from the Hope
 4 Scholarship Program Fund equal to the amount the county board would receive for that student if
 5 he or she were enrolled in a public school or education program in the county.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide funding to county boards of education for certain students not enrolled in public schools in the county that either receive, or are eligible for but don't receive, a Hope Scholarship.

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