

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 1077**

By Senator Smith (Mr. President)

[Introduced February 23, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §18-5-55, relating to vocational education; and protecting vocational education  
 3 agriculture programs.

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

**ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-55. Protection of vocational education agriculture programs.**

1 (a) The Legislature finds that when county boards need to cut expenditures, vocational  
 2 education agriculture programs are too often the area in which county boards choose to reduce  
 3 their spending.

4 (b) In order to protect vocational education agriculture programs in West Virginia, no  
 5 county board may reduce its expenditure on vocational education agriculture programs during the  
 6 2027 fiscal year from the amount that the county board spends on vocational education agriculture  
 7 programs during the current fiscal year.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to protect vocational education agriculture programs.

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