

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 241**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Senator Clements

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the  
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,  
2 designated §16-11A-1, relating to prohibiting those listed on the state sex offender  
3 database from entering public school facilities and attending public school activities and  
4 events; requiring parent-teacher conferences for those persons to be conducted off school  
5 grounds; and allowing the State Board of Education to promulgate rules.

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

**ARTICLE 11A. PROHIBITION OF SEX OFFENDERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND**

**AT SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS.**

**§16-11A-1. Prohibiting those listed on the state sex offender database from entering school**

**property or attending public school activities and events.**

(a) Without permission of the county superintendent:

(1) No person having been found guilty of crimes sufficient to be placed on the state sex  
offender's database shall be permitted to enter school property, attend any public school function,  
or attend or participate in public school or athletic events in any capacity, regardless of  
participation by offender's own children.

(A) A first violation of this statute shall be a misdemeanor upon first violation, punishable by  
not more than six months imprisonment; and

(B) A second or any other subsequent violation shall constitute a felony punishable by one  
to five years imprisonment.

(b) In the event that a parent teacher conference is required to be conducted with a parent  
or guardian who is listed on the sex offender database, that conference must be conducted by  
telephone or virtual meeting.

(c) The State Board of Education may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance  
with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit those listed on the state sex offender database from entering school property or attending public school activities and events. The bill also requires parent teacher conferences for those persons to be conducted off school grounds.

Finally, the bill permits the State Board of Education to promulgate rules.

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