

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 388

By Senator Grady

[Introduced January 15, 2026; referred

to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §18-9I-1, relating to requiring a public elementary or secondary school to make
3 the Aitken Bible available to certain classrooms; specifying funds that can and cannot be
4 used for this purpose; and clarifying that the requirement applies to public charter schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 9I. DISTRIBUTION OF AITKEN BIBLE.

§18-9I-1. Distribution of the Aitken Bible in public schools.

1 (a) A public elementary or secondary school shall, subject to §18-9I-1(b), make the Aitken
2 Bible available to all fourth grade, eighth grade, and 10th grade social studies classrooms.
3 (b) A public elementary or secondary school may accept and use private donations for the
4 purposes of meeting the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. No public funds may be used
5 for this purpose.
6 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of code to the contrary, this section applies to
7 public charter schools authorized pursuant to §18-5G-1 *et seq.* of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that a public elementary or secondary school make the Aitken Bible available to all fourth grade, eighth grade, and 10th grade social studies classrooms; specifying funds that can and cannot be used for this purpose; and clarify that the requirement applies to charter schools.

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