

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 41**

By Senator Rucker

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on Education; 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 §18-36-1, §18-36-2, and §18-36-3, relating to permitting students to take the  
 3 Classical Learning Test as an alternative to the traditional ACT and SAT exams; providing  
 4 for definitions; providing for post-secondary and higher education admissions and financial  
 5 aid; and providing for college preparation assessments.

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

**ARTICLE 36. STANDARDIZED TESTING CHOICE ACT.**

**§18-36-1. Definitions.**

1 "CLT" means the Classic Learning Test administered by Classic Learning Initiatives.

**§18-36-2. Post-Secondary and Higher Education Admissions and Financial Aid.**

1 (a) Public institutions of higher education shall accept a student's score on the ACT, CLT, or  
 2 SAT, as those terms are otherwise defined in this code, for purposes of admission.

3 (b) A student is eligible for college financial aid if, in addition to the requirements in this  
 4 code, the student attains a composite ACT score of at least 19 or a concordant equivalent score on  
 5 the SAT on any single SAT test or on the CLT on any single CLT test date.

**§18-36-3. College Preparation Assessments.**

1 (a) Public school districts shall provide each student in grades 11 and 12 with the  
 2 opportunity to take the ACT, CLT, or SAT.

3 (b) Public school districts shall provide each student in grades 9 and 10 with the  
 4 opportunity to take the Pre-ACT, CLTIO, or PSAT.

5 (c) Public school districts may apply for reimbursement for fees paid in relation to the  
 6 administration of a college preparation assessment or practice assessment required by this  
 7 section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit students to take the Classical Learning Test ("CLT") as an alternative to the traditional ACT and SAT exams. The bill provides for definitions. The bill provides for post-secondary and higher education admissions and financial aid. Finally, the bill provides for college preparation assessments.

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