

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 9

By Senator Oliverio

[Introduced January 14, 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 §18-2-9c, relating to required courses of instruction; and requiring all public
3 schools located within this state to give age-appropriate instruction on the Holocaust.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-9c. Requiring age-appropriate instruction on the Holocaust.

1 In collaboration with and utilizing guidance from the West Virginia Commission on
2 Holocaust Education established pursuant to §5-28-1 *et seq.* of this code, all public schools
3 located within this state shall give age-appropriate instruction on the Holocaust, the systematic,
4 planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in
5 the history of humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an investigation of human behavior,
6 and an examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful person: *Provided*, That
7 this instruction may not be given before grade six.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require all public schools located within this state shall give age-appropriate instruction on the Holocaust.

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