

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4146**

By Delegates Crouse and White

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred to the  
Committee on Education then Health and Human  
Resources ]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
2 designated §16-3-4d, relating to requiring vaccinations for anyone employed by the public  
3 school system, to be done in accordance with the pediatric schedule; prohibiting religious  
4 or philosophical exemptions by school personnel; requiring a 21 day quarantine period for  
5 anyone employed by the school system who participates in states who permit vaccine  
6 exemptions; and requiring vaccinations and proof of vaccinations by visitors to public  
7 schools.

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

**ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND OTHER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

**§16-3-4d. Compulsory vaccination schedule for all school employees; quarantine  
schedule; proof of vaccination of visitors required.**

1 (a) Every teacher, administrator, nurse, board member, county office employee, bus driver,  
2 custodian, or anyone otherwise employed by a public school system in this state shall be fully  
3 vaccinated according to the pediatric schedule.

4 (1) Mandatory vaccinations include, but are not limited to, the following: five doses of  
5 DTaP/Tdap, three doses of Hepatitis B, four doses of HiB, three doses of Polio, two doses of MMR,  
6 one dose of Varicella, four doses of Prevnar (Pneumococcal), two doses of Hepatitis A, two doses  
7 of MCV4 (Meningococcal), the full HPV series, annual flu shots, and COVID-19 vaccines.

8 (2) No religious or philosophical exemptions are permitted unless such exemptions are  
9 honored for students.

10 (b) Any student, teacher, administrator or staff member who travels to a state that currently  
11 allows vaccine exemptions for students shall be prohibited from returning to school for at least 21  
12 days upon his or her return.

13 (1) This includes conferences, vacations and athletic tournaments that a student, teacher,

- 14 administrator or staff member attends.
- 15 (2) Students may complete coursework remotely during the 21-day period.
- 16 (3) Employees shall use personal or vacation leave to satisfy the 21-day period.
- 17 (c) Parents, guest speakers, maintenance contractors, or anyone who enters a public-
- 18 school building in this state shall be fully vaccinated according to the pediatric schedule.
- 19 (1) No exemptions are permitted, unless such an exemption matches the student
- 20 exemption process.
- 21 (2) Proof of vaccination shall be required at the door before an individual may enter a
- 22 public-school building in this state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require vaccinations for anyone employed by the public school system in this state, to be done in accordance with the pediatric schedule. The bill prohibits religious or philosophical exemptions by school personnel. The bill requires a 21-day quarantine period for anyone employed by the school system who participates in states who permit vaccine exemptions. Finally, the bill requires vaccinations and proof of vaccinations by visitors to public 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.