

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4660**

By Delegates Statler, Ellington, and Toney

[Introduced January 21, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact 18-3-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to  
2 reclassifying sixth grade students from elementary school to middle school.

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

**ARTICLE 3. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.**

**§18-3-11. Classification of schools.**

1 (a) The state superintendent shall classify all elementary and secondary schools on the  
2 basis of standards, rules and regulations established by the state board after publishing such  
3 standards, rules and regulations, and forwarding them to the district boards of education, county  
4 superintendents, and other school officers.

5 (b) Effective for the school year beginning 2026/2027, all sixth-grade students shall be  
6 reclassified and moved from elementary school to middle school. Any reclassification of teachers  
7 shall be done in accordance with §18A-4-1 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reclassify sixth grade from elementary school to middle school.

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