

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 4975

By Delegates Heckert, Crouse, Marple, and Clark

[Introduced January 29, 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 §18-2L-1, relating to the consolidation of county-based school districts; and
3 providing for the creation of 11 regional districts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2L. CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTY-BASED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

§18-2L-1. Consolidation of county-based school districts.

- 1 (a) Effective July 1, 2030, the 55 county-based school districts shall be consolidated into 11
2 regional districts.
- 3 (b) The 11 regional districts shall be compromised in the following manner:
- 4 (1) Region 1: McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, Wyoming;
5 (2) Region 2: Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Wayne;
6 (3) Region 3: Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Putnam;
7 (4) Region 4: Fayette, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Webster;
8 (5) Region 5: Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, Wood;
9 (6) Region 6: Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Taylor;
10 (7) Region 7: Barbour, Braxton, Gilmer, Lewis, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur;
11 (8) Region 8: Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton;
12 (9) Region 9: Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan;
13 (10) Region 10: Marshall, Ohio, Wetzel; and
14 (11) Region 11: Brooke, Hancock.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to consolidate county school boards into 11 regional districts.

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