

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 217**

By Senator Hart

[Introduced January 14, 2025; 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 section,  
2 designated §18-5-13e, relating to the creation of the Community School Funding Formula  
3 Revision Act.

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

**ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-13e. Community School Funding Formula Revision Act.**

1 The West Virginia Department of Education shall review the closures and consolidations of  
2 schools that are under consideration during the current year, and previous four fiscal years, and  
3 propose to the Legislature within 180 days such changes to the School Aid Formula as would be,  
4 or would have been, likely to prevent the closure of no fewer than 80 percent of those under  
5 current or previous consideration, regardless of any decisions rendered to date by school districts,  
6 when such justification for closure was predicated on financial and operational factors.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the creation of the Community School Funding Formula Revision Act.

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