

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 689

By Senator Grady

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to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-2-25e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to reducing the grade levels in which a student is allowed to transfer schools at least one
3 time without losing academic eligibility to grades nine and 10.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-25e. Athletic eligibility of transfer students.

1 (a) The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission shall modify its rule, prior to
2 the 2023-2024 2026-2027 school year, to allow students to transfer schools and retain athletic
3 eligibility at least one time during a student's four first two years of secondary school, inclusive of
4 grades nine through 12 and 10. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission may
5 promulgate an emergency rule, if necessary, to modify its rule prior to the 2023-2024 2026-2027
6 school year.

7 (b) Nothing in this section is intended to limit or restrict a student transferring more than
8 one time for the following reasons:

9 (1) The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission's ability to make eligibility
10 determinations on a case-by-case basis when warranted by a student's circumstances in
11 accordance with the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission's rules; or
12 (2) For any other reason permitted under the rules of the West Virginia Secondary School
13 Activities Commission.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the grade levels in which a student is allowed to transfer schools at least one time without losing academic eligibility to grades nine and 10.

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