

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION, 1941

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SENATE BILL No. 50

(By Mr. Reed)

PASSED March 8, 1941

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine, article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the teaching and course of study in the public schools and other schools located within this state, including the teaching of Americanism and temperance, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

That section nine, article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 9. *Courses of Study in History, Civics, Con-  
stitutions, Alcoholic Drinks, Narcotics; Textbooks on  
Health, Biology and Social Sciences to Contain Ap-  
propriate Materials on Effects of Intemperance in Use of  
Alcoholic Beverages and Narcotics; Violations; Penalties.*

In all public, private, parochial and denominational schools located within this state there shall be given regular courses of instruction in history of the United States, in civics, and in the constitutions of the United States and of the state of West Virginia, for the purpose of teaching, fostering and perpetuating the ideals, principles and spirit of Americanism, and increasing the knowledge of the organization and machinery of the government of the United States and of the state of West Virginia. The state board of education shall, with the advice of the state superintendent of schools, prescribe the courses of study covering these subjects for the public elementary and grammar schools, public high schools and state normal schools. It shall be the duty of the officials or boards having authority over the respective private, parochial and denominational schools to prescribe courses

22 of study for the schools under their control and super-  
23 vision similar to those required for the public schools.

24 The state board of education shall cause to be taught in  
25 all of the public schools of this state the subject of  
26 scientific temperance, including the nature of alcoholic  
27 drinks and narcotics, with special instruction as to their  
28 effect upon the human system and upon society in gen-  
29 eral; and the textbooks on the subjects of health and  
30 hygiene, biology and the social sciences, adopted for the  
31 use in the public schools of the state, shall contain ap-  
32 propriate material for such teaching.

33 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall  
34 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof,  
35 shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each viola-  
36 tion, and each week during which there is a violation  
37 shall constitute a separate offense. If the person so con-  
38 victed occupy a position in connection with the public  
39 schools, he shall also automatically be removed from such  
40 position, and shall be ineligible for reappointment to that  
41 or a similar position for the period of one year.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that  
the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

E. H. McCowan  
Chairman Senate Committee

Leon Rice  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate

Takes effect ninety days from passage  
Abale Watkins  
Clerk of the Senate

J. R. Abey  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Byron B. Randolph  
President of the Senate

Malcolm R. Arnold  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 14  
day of March, 1941.

Matthew Neely  
Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State  
of West Virginia. MAR 17 1941

Wm. S. O'BRIEN,  
Secretary of State