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AN ACT to amend chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-c, relating to job preparation for school dropouts.

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

That chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-c, to read as follows:

**Article 2-c. Job Preparation Program for School Dropouts.**

**Section 1. Establishment of Job-Preparation Program.**

2 —Authority is hereby given for the establishment of a  
3 job-preparation program for school dropouts, such pro-  
4 gram to be financed by the state, in cooperation with the  
5 counties, and to be based on the following described  
6 needs and purposes:

7       (1) To lessen school dropouts, West Virginia presently  
8       having an estimated thirty thousand boys and girls six-  
9       teen and seventeen years of age who have quit school  
10      before high school graduation.

11      (2) To provide a planned program of practical job  
12      preparation on the basis of interest, aptitude and ability  
13      for those who drop out before completing high school.

14      (3) To make participation in such a program compul-  
15      sory for all male youth sixteen and seventeen years of  
16      age with the view of later extending it to include the  
17      female dropouts falling in the same age bracket.

**Sec. 2. Administration and Supervision.**—Subject to  
2      such rules and regulations as the state board of education  
3      may deem advisable, the administration and supervision  
4      of said youth job-preparation program shall be under the  
5      state department of education and in cooperation with  
6      school officials and boards of education of the respective  
7      counties. There shall be selected, by the state superin-  
8      tendent, a supervisor of the program who shall be under  
9      the direction of the division of vocational education. It

10 shall be understood that the said supervisor shall be  
11 authorized to draw upon the aid and services of such other  
12 divisions of the department of education as guidance,  
13 counseling and testing; driver education and school trans-  
14 portation; instruction and curriculum; as well as other  
15 professional agencies and organizations in or outside of  
16 government that may be able to lend help on a voluntary  
17 basis.

**Sec. 3. Development of Job Preparation Program.—**

2 The state department of education, by and with the help  
3 of the respective counties, shall develop a practical job-  
4 preparation program for all male youth as hereinafter  
5 designated. The program shall provide job training, based  
6 upon interest, aptitude and ability of said youth in such  
7 areas as the following but not bound by nor limited to  
8 the same: Radio and television repair; household equip-  
9 ment repair; gardening (lawn upkeep, shrubbery pruning,  
10 etc.); lawn equipment repair; window upkeep and clean-  
11 ing (business-industrial, residential); general house  
12 cleaning (including wall washing, floor renovation, etc.);  
13 industrial and household painting; restaurant work

14 (waiter, bus boy, short-order cook, etc.); custodial serv-  
15 ices; service station attendant; auto repair; carpentry  
16 (helper); plastering (helper such as mixing); masonry  
17 work (helper); plumbing (helper); helper for air-con-  
18 ditioning installation; electrical wiring; office equipment  
19 upkeep and repair; metal work (helper); sign painting;  
20 nursing home attendant; hospital orderly, etc.; show card  
21 work; construction work (use of various types of equip-  
22 ment); shoe repair; leather crafts; wood crafts; ceramic  
23 crafts; stock person in merchandising; furniture refinish-  
24 ing and upholstery; photography (including camera up-  
25 keep, repair, etc.); installation, repair and upkeep of pub-  
26 lic address systems; window display (assistant); check-  
27 out in self-service stores; motor boat upkeep and repair;  
28 fishing-hunting equipment upkeep and repair; multilith  
29 operation, including equipment upkeep and repair; park-  
30 ing meter repair and care; utility meter reading, repair,  
31 etc.; hotel services; roof installation, repair and upkeep;  
32 auto body repair and painting; delivery services (milk,  
33 bread, etc.); various dry-cleaning and laundry services.  
34 Job-preparation instruction shall be financed from state

35 funds, which may be supplemented by county and any  
36 available federal funds for further enrichment of the pro-  
37 gram. The instructional program shall be under the  
38 supervision of the county, or area administration where  
39 such prevails, subject to the guidance and direction of the  
40 state supervisor. County or area directors of the program  
41 and teachers of any academic aspects of the program shall  
42 be duly certified teachers. For instruction in the common  
43 jobs and occupations, persons of practical experience in  
44 such may be employed and they shall be classified as job  
45 trainers. Nothing shall prevent the use of approved volun-  
46 teers in this program.

47 In initiating this job-preparation program, any existing  
48 public school buildings and facilities or such as may be  
49 provided in the future on an area or county basis, which  
50 may be adapted to or useful in such a job-preparation  
51 program, shall be made available during the summer  
52 months for the said program.

**Sec. 4. Pilot Experiment.**—In order to determine the  
2 practicability, effectiveness and cost of the job-prepara-  
3 tion program for school dropouts, there shall be estab-

4 lished an experimental pilot program in a selected county  
5 for the summer months of one thousand nine hundred  
6 sixty-two. Also, there shall be an advisory committee  
7 comprised of eight members, four of whom shall be  
8 selected jointly by the legislative interim committee from  
9 their membership and four persons to be selected at large  
10 by the governor. This committee shall work in close co-  
11 operation with the state department of education and the  
12 county officials of the selected pilot county in developing  
13 and carrying out the experimental job-preparation pro-  
14 gram in said pilot county. From time to time, the com-  
15 mittee shall make progress reports to the governor and  
16 the joint legislative interim committees with its final re-  
17 port and recommendations to be submitted not later than  
18 December one, one thousand nine hundred sixty-two.  
19 Subsequently, the governor and the joint legislative in-  
20 terim committees shall make their report to the fifty-sixth  
21 Legislature as to what steps should be taken in the further  
22 implementation of said job-preparation program or its  
23 abolition.

24 By not later than thirty days following the effective

25 date of this article, the state superintendent shall have  
26 named the supervisor of the program and, by and with  
27 the advice of the advisory committee, shall have selected  
28 the pilot county. In the selection of the pilot county,  
29 these requisites shall be given consideration: (1) That  
30 the county have a reasonably high ratio of school drop-  
31 outs, (2) that it be within a depressed area of the state,  
32 and (3) that the county school officials reflect a genuine  
33 interest in developing the experimental program. Any  
34 money appropriated for the preliminary study and the  
35 pilot county experimental program shall be allocated to  
36 the state department of education for said purpose to be  
37 expended under the direction of the state superintendent  
38 of schools, by and with the advice of the advisory com-  
39 mittee. Expenses for the advisory committee shall be  
40 paid from this fund: *Provided, however,* That the job-  
41 preparation program and the pilot experiment, all as pro-  
42 vided in chapter eighteen, article two-c, shall expire  
43 January one, one thousand nine hundred sixty-three.

44 Transportation for the pupils included under said pro-  
45 gram in said pilot county shall be furnished by the use



46 of said county's school transportation equipment, with  
47 the cost of gasoline, oil, maintenance, and drivers being  
48 borne out of money appropriated by the state for such  
49 pilot county experiment.

50 Irrespective of the general law relating to pupil trans-  
51 portation, the supervising authority shall make needed  
52 rules and regulations for transporting such dropouts.

53 Notwithstanding the age limit provision set forth in  
54 article eight of this chapter, any male youth who has  
55 dropped out of school before fully completing his high  
56 school education and is within the age bracket of sixteen  
57 and seventeen years inclusive shall be subject to com-  
58 pulsory participation in said job preparation program in  
59 said pilot county unless regularly employed.

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

James Davis, Jr.  
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

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C. A. Blankenship  
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Howard W. Carson  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the Fifteenth  
day of February, 1962.

W. W. Carson  
Governor

