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**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**  
**REGULAR SESSION, 1972**



**ENROLLED**

HOUSE BILL No. 900

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. McManus  
and Mrs. Withrow)



PASSED March 9 1972

In Effect 90 days from Passage



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(By MR. SPEAKER, MR. McMANUS, and MRS. WITHROW)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four-a, article three, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to compulsory testing for tuberculosis of school children; time period within which the test is to be made.

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

That section four-a, article three, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

**§16-3-4a. Compulsory testing for tuberculosis of school children and school personnel; X rays required for reactors; suspension from school or employment for pupils and personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage.**

1 All first grade pupils and all students transferring from  
2 a school located outside this state shall furnish a certi-  
3 ficate from a licensed physician stating that a tubercilin  
4 skin test approved by the director of the department of  
5 health has been made within four months prior to the  
6 beginning of the school year or during the first seven  
7 months of the current school year. Test results must  
8 be recorded on the certificate. Positive reactors to the  
9 skin test must be immediately x-rayed, and receive  
10 annual X rays thereafter, or at more frequent intervals

11 if medically indicated. Pupils found to have tuberculosis  
12 in a communicable stage will not be allowed to attend  
13 school until their disease has been arrested and is no  
14 longer communicable.

15 All school personnel shall have an annual chest X ray  
16 or an approved tuberculin skin test within four months  
17 prior to the beginning of each school year. Positive re-  
18 actors to the skin test are to be immediately x-rayed  
19 and re-x-rayed annually or at more frequent intervals  
20 if medically indicated. Reactors who are annually x-rayed  
21 will not be required to have an annual skin test. School  
22 personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable  
23 stage shall have their employment discontinued or  
24 suspended until their disease has been arrested and is  
25 no longer communicable. School personnel who have  
26 not had the required examination will be suspended  
27 from employment until reports of examination are con-  
28 firmed.

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

Russell G. Beall  
Chairman Senate Committee

Sheelis J. Rattidge  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Howard W. Garrison  
Clerk of the Senate

U. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

E. Hans McCourt  
President of the Senate

Lewis T. McManis  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 27th  
day of March, 1972.

Arch A. Starnes, Jr.  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/16/72

Time 2:10 p.m.