WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18-2-33

§18-2-33. Rules for antihazing.

(a) The Legislature hereby finds that hazing has become a problem in a limited number of public school-sponsored student organizations and that legal liability has already resulted from some of those activities. It is the intent of this section that problems with hazing in public school-sponsored student organizations be addressed.

(b) The state board shall promulgate legislative rules in accordance with article three-b, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code that addresses hazing in the public school system. The rules shall include at least the following:

(1) A definition of hazing;

(2) A definition of a public school-sponsored student organization that includes both cocurricular and extracurricular activities;

(3) A method to advise students and employees of the problems associated with hazing;

(4) Appropriate penalties or procedures for establishing penalties for students who haze while engaged in the activities of a public school-sponsored student organization; and

(5) Methods to prevent hazing in public school-sponsored organizations.

(c) The state board shall consider the antihazing law set forth in article sixteen, chapter eighteen in drafting the rules required by this section.

(d) Nothing in this section or in the policy promulgated in accordance with this section may be construed to prevent a suspension or expulsion executed in accordance with section one-a, article five, chapter eighteen-a of this code.

WV Legislature