ENROLLED BILL
(REGULAR SESSION, 1933)

House Bill No. 357

(By Mr. Shaaban)

Passed March 11, 1933

In Effect ninety days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine, article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, prescribing courses of instruction, etc.

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 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 9. In all public, private, parochial and denominational schools located within this state there shall be given regular courses of instruction in the history of the United States, and at least one full year of instruction in history of the State of West Virginia prior to the seventh grade, 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 in-
creasing 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 the state normal
schools. It shall be the duty of the officials or boards having
authority over the respective private, parochial and denomina-
tional schools to prescribe courses of study for the schools under
their control and supervision similar to those required for the
public schools.

The state board of education shall cause to be taught in all
of the public schools of this state the subject of scientific tem-
perance, including the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics,
with special instruction as to their effect upon the human sys-
tem and upon society in general.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be
guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
fined not exceeding ten dollars for each violation, and each
week during which there is a violation shall constitute a sep-
ate offense. If the person so convicted occupy a position in
30 connection with the public schools, he shall also automatically
31 be removed from such position, and shall be ineligible for reap-
32 pointment to that or a similar position for a period of one year.
The within is disapproved this 17th day of March, 1933.