WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1939

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HOUSE BILL No. 277

(By Mr. Taylor)

PASSED March 10, 1939

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section thirteen, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter eight, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, and as last amended by chapter sixty, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five, relating to the authority of county boards of education, and authorizing the purchase of insurance against negligence.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section thirteen, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended by chapter eight, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, and as last
amended by chapter sixty, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 13. Powers and Duties of Boards of Education.

2 The boards, subject to the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the state board, shall have authority:

3 (1) To control and manage all of the schools and school interests of the county;

4 (2) To establish needed high schools;

5 (3) To close any school which is unnecessary and to assign the pupils thereof to other schools;

6 (4) To consolidate schools;

7 (5) To close any elementary school whose average daily attendance falls below twenty pupils for two months in succession, and send the pupils to other schools in the district or to schools in adjoining districts. The compensation of teachers in schools so closed shall cease;

8 (6) To provide at public expense adequate means of transportation for all children of school age who live more than two miles distant from school by the nearest available road or path;
(7) To provide at public expense for insurance against the negligence of the drivers of school buses, trucks, or other vehicles operated by the board; and if the transportation of pupils be let out to contract, then the contract therefor shall provide that the contractor shall carry insurance against negligence in such an amount as the board shall specify.

The board of any district may expend under such regulations as it establishes for each child an amount not to exceed the proportion of all school funds of the district that each child would be entitled to receive if all the funds were distributed equally among all the children of school age in the district upon a per capita basis. No changes in textbooks except those provided by general law shall be made as a result of the passage of this act: Provided, however, That at least one year of instruction in the history of the state of West Virginia shall be given prior to the eighth grade.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

E. O. Freeman
Chairman Senate Committee

William B. Welte
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect upon passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within day of , 1933.

Governor.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia, MAR 17 1939.

Wm. S. O'Brien,
Secretary of State