WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1941

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SENATE BILL No. 50

(By Mr. Reed)

PASSED March 8, 1941

In Effect ninety days from Passage
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AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine, article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the teaching and course of study in the public schools and other schools located within this state, including the teaching of Americanism and temperance, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

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 and the same is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
Section 9. Courses of Study in History, Civics, Constitutions, Alcoholic Drinks, Narcotics; Textbooks on Health, Biology and Social Sciences to Contain Appropriate Materials on Effects of Intemperance in Use of Alcoholic Beverages and Narcotics; Violations; Penalties.

In all public, private, parochial and denominational schools located within this state there shall be given regular courses of instruction in history of the United States, 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 increasing 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 state normal schools. It shall be the duty of the officials or boards having authority over the respective private, parochial and denominational 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 temperance, including the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, with special instruction as to their effect upon the human system and upon society in general; and the textbooks on the subjects of health and hygiene, biology and the social sciences, adopted for the use in the public schools of the state, shall contain appropriate material for such teaching.

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 separate offense. If the person so convicted occupy a position in connection with the public schools, he shall also automatically be removed from such position, and shall be ineligible for reappointment to that or a similar position for the period of one year.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that
the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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The within approved this the 14th day of March, 1941.

Matthew W. Neely  
Governor

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia.
Wm. S. O'Brien, Secretary of State