SENATE BILL NO. 164

(By Mr. McKown)

PASSED March 12, 1949

In Effect 90 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, as amended, relating to required courses of instruction in public and other schools in this state.

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, as amended, be amended and reenacted, to read as follows:

Article 2. State Board of Education

Section 9. Required Courses of Instruction.—In all public, private, parochial and denominational schools located within this state there shall be given prior to the completion of the eighth grade at least one year of in-
5struction in the history of the State of West Virginia.

6 Such schools shall also give regular courses of instruction
7 in history of the United States, in civics, and in the con-
8 stitutions of the United States and of the State of West
9 Virginia, for the purpose of teaching, fostering and per-
10 petuating the ideals, principles and spirit of Americanism,
11 and increasing the knowledge of the organization and
12 machinery of the government of the United States and of
13 the state of West Virginia. The state board of educa-
14 tion shall, with the advice of the state superintendent of
15 schools, prescribe the courses of study covering these
16 subjects for the public elementary and grammar schools,
17 public high schools and state normal schools. It shall be
18 the duty of the officials or boards having authority over
19 the respective private, parochial and denominational
20 schools to prescribe courses of study for the schools under
21 their control and supervision similar to those required for
22 the public schools.

23 The state board of education shall cause to be taught in
24 all of the public schools of this state the subject of scien-
25 tific 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 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.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect 90 days from. passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within APPROVED this the 18TH day of MARCH, 1949.

Governor.

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia MAR 18, 1949

D. Pitt O'Brien, Secretary of State