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(By Mr. McKown.....)

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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, 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
2 public, private, parochial and denominational schools lo-
3 cated within this state there shall be given prior to the
4 completion of the eighth grade at least one year of in-

5 instruction 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

26 and narcotics, with special instruction as to their effect
27 upon the human system and upon society in general; and
28 the textbooks on the subjects of health and hygiene, bi-
29 ology and the social sciences, adopted for use in the public
30 schools of the state, shall contain appropriate material for
31 such teaching.

32 Any person violating the provisions of this section shall
33 be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, thereof,
34 shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each violation,
35 and each week during which there is a violation shall
36 constitute a separate offense. If the person so convicted
37 occupy a position in connection with the public schools,
38 he shall also automatically be removed from such posi-
39 tion, and shall be ineligible for reappointment to that or
40 a similar position for the period of one year.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Joseph L. McNeill
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

J. Ashp
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Franklin D. Rowland
President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within APPROVED this the 18TH

day of MARCH, 1949.

Okay L. Patton
Governor.



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D. PITT O'BRIEN,
SECRETARY OF STATE