WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1951

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 8

(By Mr. Mills)

PASSED March 5, 1951

In Effect Ninety days from Passage
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 last amended by chapter forty-nine, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine, relating to general control of schools by the district board of education.

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 last amended by chapter forty-nine, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Article 5. District Board of Education.

Section 13. General Control of Schools; Consolidation;

2 Transportation of Pupils.—The boards, subject to the pro-
visions of this chapter and the rules and regulations of
the state board, shall have authority:
(1) To control and manage all of the schools and school
interests of the county, including the authority to require
that records be kept of all receipts and disbursements of
all funds collected or received by any principal, teacher,
student or other person in connection with any program,
activity or other endeavor of any nature operated or car-
ried on by or in the name of the school, or any organiza-
tion or body directly connected with the school, and the
authority to audit such records;
(2) To establish needed high schools;
(3) To close any school which is unnecessary and to
assign the pupils thereof to other schools;
(4) To consolidate schools;
(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 compen-
sation of teachers in schools so closed shall cease;
(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 avail-
able road or path; and to provide at public expense and
according to such regulations as the board may establish,
adequate means of transportation for school children par-
ticipating in athletic, literary and band activities: Pro-
vided, That in all cases the buses or other transportation
facilities owned by the board of education shall be driven
or operated only by drivers regularly employed by the
board of education: Provided, further, That buses shall
be used for extra curricular activities as herein provided
only when the insurance provided for by this section
shall have been effected.
(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 trans-
portation of pupils be let out to contract, then the contract
therefor shall provide that the contractor shall carry in-
surance against negligence in such an amount as the board
shall specify.
The board of any district shall expend under such regu-
lations 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 for 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.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect Ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 15th day of March, 1951.

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Governor

Not in the office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia, MAR 15, 1951
D. Pitt O'Brien, Secretary of State