

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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*Committee Substitute for*  
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SENATE BILL NO. 171

(By Mr. *Joan* on Education)

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AN ACT to amend chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be adding thereto a new article, designated article twenty-one, relating to the creation of a state scholarship fund to provide scholarships for the training of persons for teaching in the public schools of West Virginia, establishing the conditions and provisions for such scholarships in education, and providing for the administration of the program by the state superintendent of free schools.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article twenty-one, to read as follows:

**Article 21. Scholarships for Teacher Training.**

Section 1. *Need for Scholarships.*—The state Legislature hereby declares that there is a wide and continuing need for new and additional teachers in the public school system of the state, and that the scholarships herein provided will attract additional young people to the teaching profession and thus aid in the solution of a pressing and serious problem facing the people of this state.

Sec. 2. *Creation of West Virginia Scholarship Fund.*—There is hereby created the West Virginia scholarship fund for teacher trainees for the public purpose of relieving the existing teacher shortage in the schools, to be administered by the state superintendent of free schools.

Sec. 3. *Number of Scholarships.*—There are hereby created one hundred scholarships as follows: In each county there shall be a number of scholarships equal to

4 the number of delegates from that county in the house  
5 of delegates of the state legislature.

Sec. 4. *County Scholarship Committees; Selection of*  
2 *Scholarship Holders.*—In each county there shall be cre-  
3 ated a selection committee comprised of the county sup-  
4 erintendent of schools and the board of education, with  
5 the superintendent to serve as chairman of the commit-  
6 tee. Each county scholarship committee, by May one of  
7 each year, shall select and recommend to the state sup-  
8 erintendent of free schools for appointment from that  
9 county, on the basis of merit and need as hereinafter set  
10 forth, the number of high school graduates, or prospective  
11 graduates, not to exceed the number as determined in  
12 section three hereof, plus an equal number of alternates,  
13 who are interested in teaching and whose work and qual-  
14 ifications are such as to indicate that they possess the  
15 qualifications to make them successful teachers. Each  
16 person selected shall rank among the upper third of the  
17 members of the graduating class of which he is a member,  
18 and be a bona fide resident of the county from which he  
19 is selected. The selection by the county scholarship com-

20 mittee shall also be partially based on the financial needs  
21 of the students selected in order to promote the purposes  
22 of this act of encouraging additional students to enter the  
23 teaching profession who might otherwise be unable to do  
24 so. Scholarships shall not be awarded to any individual  
25 who has been issued any type of teaching certificates by  
26 the state board of education or the state department of  
27 education.

28 In the event of a rejection of a scholarship or a vacancy  
29 in a scholarship during the school year the state super-  
30 intendent of free schools shall fill the vacancy upon the  
31 recommendation of the appropriate county scholarship  
32 committee where the rejection or vacancy has occurred,  
33 from the list of alternates in that county.

*Sec. 5. Value of Scholarships; Disbursement of Funds.—*

2 Each scholarship shall carry a stipend of five hundred  
3 dollars for a school year of nine months, which shall be  
4 disbursed to scholarship holders upon their application  
5 as approved by the state superintendent of free schools  
6 upon vouchers for that purpose. Such scholarships shall  
7 be paid in equal installments at the beginning of each

8 quarter or semester while college is in session to each  
9 person who has been awarded such a scholarship when  
10 the following requirement is met:

11 Such person shall be a bona fide full-time student in the  
12 college or department of education in a West Virginia in-  
13 stitution of higher education or in the pre-education pro-  
14 gram of such institution where the college of education is  
15 a senior college within the institution, provided that the  
16 program in education is approved by the state board of  
17 education.

18 Each person awarded a scholarship under the terms of  
19 this act shall be eligible upon the completion of satisfac-  
20 tory work during the first year to have the scholarship  
21 renewed at the discretion of the state superintendent of  
22 free schools for a period of one additional year of full-  
23 time study in a program of education or pre-education as  
24 stipulated in the preceding paragraph. Two further re-  
25 newals of one year each may be made under the same  
26 conditions with no person holding a scholarship longer  
27 than is necessary to complete all of the requirements for

28 graduation from the undergraduate course in teacher  
29 training he is pursuing.

Sec. 6. *Giving of Notes.*—Each person who receives a  
2 scholarship shall execute notes and shall deliver said  
3 notes to the state superintendent of free schools or to his  
4 representative. Each such note shall be payable on de-  
5 mand to the state treasurer for the amount of the quar-  
6 terly or semi-annual payment. The superintendent shall  
7 hold said notes until they have been paid or cancelled as  
8 prescribed in section seven of this act.

Sec. 7. *Repayment or Cancellation of Notes.*—At the  
2 expiration of each school year of service as a teacher in  
3 the public schools of West Virginia by a person who has  
4 held a scholarship granted under this act, such person  
5 shall submit to the state superintendent of free schools a  
6 statement of service on a form provided for that purpose  
7 and certified by the county superintendent in the county  
8 which he has taught. Upon receipt of such statement in  
9 proper form, the state superintendent shall cancel the  
10 oldest outstanding notes given by such person covering  
11 the scholarship for one year. If for any reason, except

12 for death or physical or mental disability, or being draft-  
13 ed into the armed services, a recipient of a scholarship  
14 fails successfully to complete his education course and to  
15 be certified to teach in the public schools of West Vir-  
16 ginia, or if upon completion of such course and certifica-  
17 tion as a teacher he fails to file with the state superintend-  
18 ent of free schools by July first of each year a statement  
19 concerning his previous year's employment and his ad-  
20 dress for the ensuing year, the state superintendent of  
21 free schools shall make demand for payment of all of said  
22 unpaid and uncanceled notes and shall transmit all such  
23 notes promptly to the state treasurer who shall enforce  
24 collection thereon and shall deposit such sums so collect-  
25 ed in the general revenue fund.

Sec. 8. *State Superintendent of Free Schools to Make*

2 *Necessary Rules and Regulations.*—The state superinten-  
3 dent of free schools shall have the power to make all  
4 necessary rules and regulations to carry this act into effect



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

E. H. McCourt  
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect from passage.

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The within approved this the 15th  
day of March, 1957

Jeff. H. Underwood  
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