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HOUSE BILL No. 339

(By Mr. Bob Miller)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections one, two, three, four, five and six, article seventeen, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the West Virginia schools for the deaf and the blind.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections one, two, three, four, five and six, article seventeen, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. *Continuation; Management.*—The West Virginia schools for deaf pupils and blind pupils heretofore established and located at Romney, in Hampshire county, shall be continued and shall be known as the “West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.” The schools

6 shall be maintained for the care and education of the deaf
7 youth and blind youth of the state. The educational or
8 business affairs of the schools shall be under the control,
9 supervision and management of the state board of educa-
10 tion, as provided in section thirteen, article two of this
11 chapter.

Sec. 2. *Admission and Record of Pupils.*—All deaf youth
2 and blind youth resident in the state, between the ages of
3 six and twenty, inclusive, providing they are educable,
4 physically capable and free from contagious disease, shall
5 be enrolled in the school on application to the superinten-
6 dent, until the school is filled. Applicants shall be admitted
7 in the order of their application. It shall be the duty of the
8 superintendent to keep a careful record of the names of
9 all applicants, with the dates of their admission and dis-
10 charge, their ages, post office addresses, the names of their
11 parents or guardians, and the degree, cause and circum-
12 stances of their deafness or blindness.

Sec. 3. *Tuition, Board and Clothing of Pupils.*—All such
2 deaf pupils and blind pupils shall be admitted to the
3 schools without charge for board and tuition. When not

4 otherwise provided with clothing they shall be furnished
5 therewith by the institution while they are pupils therein,
6 and the superintendent shall make out an account therefor
7 in each case against the county where the pupil receiving
8 the clothing resided at the time the clothing was furnished,
9 in an amount not exceeding seventy-five dollars per
10 annum for any one pupil, which account shall be sworn
11 to by the superintendent and countersigned by the busi-
12 ness manager and shall be transmitted by the superinten-
13 dent to the auditor of the state, who shall forward a copy
14 thereof to the clerk of the county court of such county.
15 The county court shall, at its next levy term, provide for
16 the payment of the same and cause the amount to be paid
17 directly to the West Virginia schools for the deaf and the
18 blind to be deposited into the indigent clothing fund.
19 All money so received shall be disbursed upon requisitions
20 for the payment of accounts incurred thereunder. If any
21 such accounts are not paid within a reasonable time after
22 such levy term, it shall be the duty of the auditor to collect
23 the same.

Sec. 4. *Period of Attendance; Special Admissions.*—The

2 pupils of said schools may continue therein until comple-
3 tion of the prescribed course of study, or a lesser period
4 of time which the condition and progress of the pupil
5 may justify, as determined by the state board of education
6 and the superintendent. After all applicants between the
7 prescribed ages of six and twenty years, inclusive, have
8 been enrolled, if there are additional accommodations,
9 the superintendent may enroll other deaf pupils and blind
10 pupils who may be of suitable age to receive any advan-
11 tage from the institution, and upon such terms as the
12 state board of education may prescribe; but it shall be
13 distinctly understood that such persons shall withdraw
14 from the institution in the order of their admission to
15 make room for new applicants between the ages pre-
16 scribed.

Sec. 5. *Course of Instruction.*—The course of instruction
2 in the institution shall be prescribed by the state board of
3 education with the advice of the superintendent, and shall
4 be as extensive in the intellectual, musical, vocational, and
5 prevocational departments as the capacities and interests
6 of the pupils may require.

Sec. 6. *Registration of Deaf and Blind by Assessors.*—

2 In addition to their other duties the county assessors of the
3 state are hereby required to register, in a book to be
4 furnished them by the state auditor for the purpose, the
5 names of all deaf persons and blind persons under twenty-
6 one years of age in their respective counties, with the
7 degree and cause of deafness and blindness in each case,
8 as far as can be ascertained from the heads of the families
9 or from other persons whom the county assessors may
10 conveniently consult, their ages, the names of their parents
11 or guardians, their post office addresses, and such other
12 facts as may be useful in making the institution efficient
13 in the education of the deaf and of the blind. They shall
14 complete the registration on or before June one of each
15 year and forward their report to the auditor, a copy to the
16 state superintendent of schools and to the superintendent
17 of the West Virginia schools for the deaf and the blind on
18 or before July one of each year. The superintendent shall
19 immediately communicate with the parents or guardians
20 of all the deaf persons and the blind persons mentioned
21 in the assessors report, with a view of their admission as
22 pupils into said school.

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, 1957.

Earl H. Huderson
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SECRETARY OF STATE