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HOUSE BILL No. 79

(By Mr. FLOYD AND MR. SEIBERT)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article seven, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to time lost through closing of schools.

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

That section four, article seven, 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 4. *Time Lost Through Closing Schools; Holiday days; Extension of School Term.*—In accordance with the provisions of chapter eighteen of the code, the county board of education shall provide a minimum of one hundred and eighty days of instruction beginning with the opening of the said school term as established in the annual budget which has been duly approved by the board

8 of school finance and adopted by the county board in its  
9 fixed statutory meeting for such purpose.

10 Any school or schools may be closed by proper authori-  
11 ties on account of the prevalence of contagious disease,  
12 conditions of weather or any other calamitous cause over  
13 which the board has no control. Schools shall not be kept  
14 open for instruction on any Saturday nor on the following  
15 days which are hereby named and designated as school  
16 holidays, namely: Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans  
17 Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day,  
18 and any day on which a primary election or general  
19 election or special election is held throughout the state  
20 or school district and any day appointed and set apart  
21 by the president or the governor as a holiday of special  
22 observance by the people of the state.

23 Under any or all of the above provisions, the time lost  
24 by the closing of schools shall be counted as taught and  
25 as meeting a part of the requirements of the minimum  
26 term of one hundred and eighty days of instruction. The  
27 teacher shall receive pay the same as if school were in  
28 session: *Provided*, That he has held himself in readiness

29 to teach subject to the order of the board: *And provided*  
30 *further*, That, in case of the designated school holidays,  
31 the school has been taught on the day preceding or follow-  
32 ing such holiday or holidays.

33 Insofar as funds are available or can be made available  
34 during the school year, the board may extend the school  
35 term for such time as necessary to make up any or all of  
36 the lost time provided for above, thereby assuring the  
37 greatest possible amount of the one hundred and eighty  
38 days for actual class instruction.

39 In addition to any other provisions of this chapter, the  
40 board is further authorized to provide in its annual budget  
41 for teachers' meetings, workshops, vacation time and/or  
42 other holidays through extended employment of teachers  
43 at the same rate of pay.

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

*W. M. Jasper*  
Chairman Senate Committee

*Eudora Andrews*  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate

*W. R. Pawley*  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *27th*  
day of *February*, 1959.

*Leah T. Underwood*  
Governor

