AN ACT to amend chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-c, relating to job preparation for school dropouts.

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 two-c, to read as follows:


Section 1. Establishment of Job-Preparation Program.

Authority is hereby given for the establishment of a job-preparation program for school dropouts, such program to be financed by the state, in cooperation with the counties, and to be based on the following described needs and purposes:
(1) To lessen school dropouts, West Virginia presently having an estimated thirty thousand boys and girls sixteen and seventeen years of age who have quit school before high school graduation.

(2) To provide a planned program of practical job preparation on the basis of interest, aptitude and ability for those who drop out before completing high school.

(3) To make participation in such a program compulsory for all male youth sixteen and seventeen years of age with the view of later extending it to include the female dropouts falling in the same age bracket.

Sec. 2. Administration and Supervision.—Subject to such rules and regulations as the state board of education may deem advisable, the administration and supervision of said youth job-preparation program shall be under the state department of education and in cooperation with school officials and boards of education of the respective counties. There shall be selected, by the state superintendent, a supervisor of the program who shall be under the direction of the division of vocational education. It
shall be understood that the said supervisor shall be authorized to draw upon the aid and services of such other divisions of the department of education as guidance, counseling and testing; driver education and school transportation; instruction and curriculum; as well as other professional agencies and organizations in or outside of government that may be able to lend help on a voluntary basis.

Sec. 3. Development of Job Preparation Program.— The state department of education, by and with the help of the respective counties, shall develop a practical job-preparation program for all male youth as hereinafter designated. The program shall provide job training, based upon interest, aptitude and ability of said youth in such areas as the following but not bound by nor limited to the same: Radio and television repair; household equipment repair; gardening (lawn upkeep, shrubbery pruning, etc.); lawn equipment repair; window upkeep and cleaning (business-industrial, residential); general house cleaning (including wall washing, floor renovation, etc.); industrial and household painting; restaurant work
14 (waiter, bus boy, short-order cook, etc.); custodial services; service station attendant; auto repair; carpentry
15 helper); plastering (helper such as mixing); masonry
16 work (helper); plumbing (helper); helper for air-conditioning installation; electrical wiring; office equipment
17 upkeep and repair; metal work (helper); sign painting;
18 nursing home attendant; hospital orderly, etc.; show card
19 work; construction work (use of various types of equipment); shoe repair; leather crafts; wood crafts; ceramic
20 crafts; stock person in merchandising; furniture refinishing and upholstery; photography (including camera upkeep, repair, etc.); installation, repair and upkeep of public address systems; window display (assistant); checkout in self-service stores; motor boat upkeep and repair;
21 fishing-hunting equipment upkeep and repair; multilith operation, including equipment upkeep and repair; parking meter repair and care; utility meter reading, repair, etc.; hotel services; roof installation, repair and upkeep;
22 auto body repair and painting; delivery services (milk, bread, etc.); various dry-cleaning and laundry services.
23 Job-preparation instruction shall be financed from state
funds, which may be supplemented by county and any available federal funds for further enrichment of the program. The instructional program shall be under the supervision of the county, or area administration where such prevails, subject to the guidance and direction of the state supervisor. County or area directors of the program and teachers of any academic aspects of the program shall be duly certified teachers. For instruction in the common jobs and occupations, persons of practical experience in such may be employed and they shall be classified as job trainers. Nothing shall prevent the use of approved volunteers in this program.

In initiating this job-preparation program, any existing public school buildings and facilities or such as may be provided in the future on an area or county basis, which may be adapted to or useful in such a job-preparation program, shall be made available during the summer months for the said program.

Sec. 4. Pilot Experiment.—In order to determine the practicability, effectiveness and cost of the job-preparation program for school dropouts, there shall be estab-
lished an experimental pilot program in a selected county for the summer months of one thousand nine hundred sixty-two. Also, there shall be an advisory committee comprised of eight members, four of whom shall be selected jointly by the legislative interim committee from their membership and four persons to be selected at large by the governor. This committee shall work in close cooperation with the state department of education and the county officials of the selected pilot county in developing and carrying out the experimental job-preparation program in said pilot county. From time to time, the committee shall make progress reports to the governor and the joint legislative interim committees with its final report and recommendations to be submitted not later than December one, one thousand nine hundred sixty-two. Subsequently, the governor and the joint legislative interim committees shall make their report to the fifty-sixth Legislature as to what steps should be taken in the further implementation of said job-preparation program or its abolition.

By not later than thirty days following the effective
date of this article, the state superintendent shall have
named the supervisor of the program and, by and with
the advice of the advisory committee, shall have selected
the pilot county. In the selection of the pilot county,
these requisites shall be given consideration: (1) That
the county have a reasonably high ratio of school drop-
outs, (2) that it be within a depressed area of the state,
and (3) that the county school officials reflect a genuine
interest in developing the experimental program. Any
money appropriated for the preliminary study and the
pilot county experimental program shall be allocated to
the state department of education for said purpose to be
expended under the direction of the state superintendent
of schools, by and with the advice of the advisory com-
mittee. Expenses for the advisory committee shall be
paid from this fund: Provided, however, That the job-
preparation program and the pilot experiment, all as pro-
vided in chapter eighteen, article two-c, shall expire
January one, one thousand nine hundred sixty-three.
Transportation for the pupils included under said pro-
gram in said pilot county shall be furnished by the use
of said county's school transportation equipment, with
the cost of gasoline, oil, maintenance, and drivers being
borne out of money appropriated by the state for such
pilot county experiment.
Irrespective of the general law relating to pupil trans-
portation, the supervising authority shall make needed
rules and regulations for transporting such dropouts.
Notwithstanding the age limit provision set forth in
article eight of this chapter, any male youth who has
dropped out of school before fully completing his high
school education and is within the age bracket of sixteen
and seventeen years inclusive shall be subject to com-
pulsory participation in said job preparation program in
said pilot county unless regularly employed.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approve this the fifteenth day of February, 1962.

Governor