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SENATE BILL NO. 44

(By Mr. Jackson, Mr. President,
and Mr. Canizon)

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Senate Bill No. 44

(By MR. JACKSON, MR. PRESIDENT, and MR. CARRIGAN)

[Passed March 7, 1969; in effect July 1, 1969.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article twenty, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to establishment of special schools and teaching services for exceptional children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article twenty, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenact^{ed} to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20. EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN.

§18-20-1. Establishment of special schools and teaching services for exceptional children.

- 1 In accordance with the following provisions, county
- 2 boards of education throughout the state having five

3 or more exceptional children of any one of the types
4 or classifications hereinafter provided for shall establish
5 and maintain special schools, classes, home-teaching or
6 visiting-teacher services for such type or classification
7 in order to provide for educating exceptional children
8 between the ages of six and twenty-one, but who differ
9 from the average or normal in physical, mental or emo-
10 tional characteristics, or in communicative or intellectual
11 deviation characteristics, or in both communicative and
12 intellectual deviation characteristics, to the extent that
13 they cannot be educated safely or profitably in the regu-
14 lar grades of the public schools, and for whom special
15 educational provisions need to be made in order to edu-
16 cate them in accordance with their capacities, limitations
17 and needs. In addition, county boards of education may
18 establish and maintain other educational services for
19 such types or classifications as the state superintendent
20 of free schools may approve.

21 The general types and classifications of exceptional
22 children for whom provision may be made under this
23 article are the following areas of exceptionality: Visu-

24 ally impaired, hearing impaired, physically or ortho-
25 pedically handicapped, epileptic, mentally retarded, speech
26 handicapped, multiple handicapped, autistic, intellectually
27 gifted, socially or emotionally maladjusted including the
28 delinquent, learning disabilities both physical and psy-
29 chological and any other areas of exceptionality which are
30 identified and approved by the state superintendent of
31 free schools.

32 By the school year beginning on the first day of July,
33 one thousand nine hundred seventy-four, county boards
34 of education shall establish and maintain these special
35 schools, classes, home-teaching and visiting-teacher serv-
36 ices. The state superintendent of free schools shall adopt
37 rules and regulations to advance and accomplish this
38 program.

39 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
40 county boards of education from providing special schools,
41 classes, home-teaching or visiting teacher's services for
42 exceptional children between the ages of three and six.

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

William Tamm
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1969.

Thomas M. ...
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Harold D. Jackson
President of the Senate

Sam F. ...
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 14th
day of March, 1969.

Arch A. Shaare Jr.
Governor



~~PRESENTED TO THE~~
GOVERNOR

Date 3/12/69

Time 2:45 p.m.