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HOUSE BILL No. 573

(By Mrs. Withrow and Mr. McManus)

PASSED FEBRUARY 8, 1971

In Effect NINETY DAYS FROM Passage
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[Passed February 8, 1971; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article three, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section four-a, relating to the compulsory testing for tuberculosis of school children and school personnel; X rays required for reactors; suspension from school or employment for pupils and personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

**ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

§16-3-4a. Compulsory testing for tuberculosis of school children and school personnel; X rays required for reactors; suspension from school or employment for pupils and personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage.

1 All first grade pupils and all students transferring from a school located outside this state shall furnish a certificate from a licensed physician stating that a tuberculin skin test approved by the director of the department of health has been made within two months prior to the beginning of the school year or during the first seven months of the current school year. Test results must be recorded on the certificate. Positive reactors to the skin test must be immediately x-rayed, and receive annual X rays thereafter, or at more frequent intervals if medically indicated. Pupils found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage will not be allowed to attend school until their disease has been arrested and is no longer communicable.

15 All school personnel shall have an annual chest X ray
or an approved tuberculin skin test within two months prior to the beginning of each school year. Positive reactors to the skin test are to be immediately x-rayed and re-x-rayed annually or at more frequent intervals if medically indicated. Reactors who are annually x-rayed will not be required to have an annual skin test. School personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage shall have their employment discontinued or suspended until their disease has been arrested and is no longer communicable. School personnel who have not had the required examination will be suspended from employment until reports of examination are confirmed.
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 ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 10th day of February, 1971.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 2/10/11
Time 1:09 p.m.