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HOUSE BILL No. 573

(By Mrs. WITHROW AND MR. Mª MANUS)

PASSED FEBRUARY, 8 1971

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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
 - 2 from a school located outside this state shall furnish a
 - 3 certificate from a licensed physician stating that a tuber-
 - 4 culin skin test approved by the director of the department
 - 5 of health has been made within two months prior to
 - 6 the beginning of the school year or during the first seven
 - 7 months of the current school year. Test results must
 - 8 be recorded on the certificate. Positive reactors to the
 - 9 skin test must be immediately x-rayed, and receive
 - 10 annual X rays thereafter, or at more frequent intervals
 - 11 if medically indicated. Pupils found to have tuberculosis
 - 12 in a communicable stage will not be allowed to attend
 - 13 school until their disease has been arrested and is no
 - 14 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 re-17 actors to the skin test are to be immediately x-rayed and 19 re-x-rayed annually or at more frequent intervals if 20 medically indicated. Reactors who are annually x-rayed 21 will not be required to have an annual skin test. School 22 personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable 23 stage shall have their employment discontinued or suspended until their disease has been arrested and is no longer communicable. School personnel who have not 25 26 had the required examination will be suspended from employment until reports of examination are confirmed.

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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. formen ly Es, Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of Delegates President of the Senate Speaker House of Delegates The within day of Governor

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