WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1977

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 580

(By Mr.

PASSED April 7, 1977

In Effect passage
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-d, relating to community education in West Virginia; setting forth certain legislative findings and a legislative purpose; providing a definition of "community education"; authorizing the state board of education to promote the implementation and operation of community education programs and to promulgate rules and regulations incident thereto; and authorizing county boards of education to coordinate community education programs.

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-d, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2D. COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

§18-2D-1. Legislative findings and purpose.

1 The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the public school system in any community is most effective when it involves and serves all of the people of that community and not just the kindergarten, elementary and secondary school students of that community; and that community education promotes a more efficient use of community facilities through an extension of buildings, personnel and equipment. In recognition of these findings and declarations, it is hereby declared to be the purpose of this article to facilitate the providing of educational,
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11 recreational, cultural, social, health and other community
12 services, in accordance with the needs, interests and
13 concerns of the community, through the establishment of
14 community education programs, in cooperation with other
15 governmental agencies and community service organiza-
16 tions.

§18-2D-2. Definition.

1 For the purpose of this article “community education”
2 means a process by which public facilities in a community
3 are utilized as community centers operated in conjunction
4 with governmental agencies and community service
5 organizations to provide educational, including, but not
6 limited to, driver education courses, recreational, cul-
7 tural, social, health and other community services for
8 all persons in such community in accordance with the
9 needs, interests and concerns of such community.

§18-2D-3. Implementation.

1 The state board of education shall promote the imple-
2 mentation and operation of community education pro-
3 grams throughout the state, and shall, by rules and
4 regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of
5 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, provide for the gov-
6 ernment and supervision of such programs.

§18-2D-4. County boards of education authorized to participate.

1 Each county board of education in this state is hereby
2 authorized, but not obligated, to coordinate a community
3 education program within its county.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Chester  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

J. Delkson  
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

M. Brogden  
President of the Senate

Donald L. Voss  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ______ approved ______ this the 26 ______

day of _____ April ______, 1977.

John R. relaxation  
Governor