

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1978

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Committee Substitute for

HOUSE BILL No. 1003

(By Mr. Hetchum + Mr. Blewett)

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PASSED March 11, 1978

In Effect ninety days from Passage

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 1003

(By MR. KETCHUM and MR. BLEVINS)

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AN ACT to amend article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section seventeen, relating to county boards of education; requiring screen testing for vision and hearing impairment; and providing notice to parents or guardians of children found to have a vision or hearing impairment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-17. Vision and hearing testing.

- 1 All children entering school for the first time in this state
- 2 shall be given a screening test to determine if they might
- 3 have a vision or hearing impairment. County boards of
- 4 education shall conduct all such screening tests through the
- 5 use of trained personnel. Parents or guardians of children who

6 are found to have a vision or hearing impairment shall be
7 notified of the results of such tests and advised that further
8 diagnosis and treatment of such impairment by qualified pro-
9 fessional personnel is recommended.

10 The state board of education is hereby authorized to pro-
11 mulgate further rules and regulations consistent with this
12 section. The state superintendent is directed to apply for
13 federal funds, if available, for the implementation of the re-
14 quirements of this section.

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

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Christensen Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. C. Willan Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

C. P. Blackenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Bratton Jr.
President of the Senate

Donald L. Kopp
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *24*
day of *March*, 1978.

John D. Rhyne
Governor

APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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