WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1978

--- • ---

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
HOUSE BILL No. 1003

(By Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Blewett)

--- • ---

PASSED March 11, 1978

In Effect Ninety days from Passage
ENROLLED
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
H. B. 1003
(By Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Blevins)

[Passed March 11, 1978; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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 shall be given a screening test to determine if they might have a vision or hearing impairment. County boards of education shall conduct all such screening tests through the use of trained personnel. Parents or guardians of children who
are found to have a vision or hearing impairment shall be notified of the results of such tests and advised that further diagnosis and treatment of such impairment by qualified professional personnel is recommended.

The state board of education is hereby authorized to promulgate further rules and regulations consistent with this section. The state superintendent is directed to apply for federal funds, if available, for the implementation of the requirements 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 L. Christian
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. William Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

C. J. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Beetham Jr.
President of the Senate

Donald L. Zayz
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor