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WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1979



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1200

(By Mr. Blackwell)



Passed March 10, 1979

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage



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H. B. 1200

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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 eighteen-a, relating to limiting the number of pupils assigned to any one teacher in a primary grade or a kindergarten session.

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 eighteen-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-18a. Maximum teacher-pupil ratio to be established by school year 1983-1984.

1 County boards of education shall provide, by the school
2 year one thousand nine hundred eighty-three-eighty-four and
3 continue thereafter, sufficient personnel, equipment and
4 facilities as will ensure that each first, second and third
5 grade classroom or classrooms for two or more grades, in-
6 cluding one or more of the first, second and third grades,
7 shall not have more than twenty-five pupils for each teacher
8 of the grade or grades; further, county boards of education
9 shall also provide by the school year one thousand nine
10 hundred eighty-three-eighty-four and thereafter sufficient per-

11 sonnel, equipment and facilities as will ensure that there
12 will not be more than twenty pupils in each kindergarten
13 session in any given school situation: *Provided*, That upon
14 application of a county board of education to the state superin-
15 tendent, and approval thereof by the state superintendent, as
16 to each specific classroom for which the application is made, a
17 county board may maintain the classroom, equipment and
18 teacher for more than twenty-five pupils in primary grades,
19 or for more than twenty pupils in kindergarten, subject to the
20 approval of the state superintendent as may from time to time
21 be granted, in the school year one thousand nine hundred
22 eighty-three-eighty-four. Thereafter, all first, second and third
23 grade classes and any combined classes containing one or
24 more of the same shall have no more than twenty-five pupils
25 assigned to any one teacher; and all kindergarten sessions shall
26 have no more than twenty pupils assigned to any one teacher.

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

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

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Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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The within is approved this the 28
day of March, 1979.

John D. Roper
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