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WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1981



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SENATE BILL NO. 340

(By Mr. McGraw, Mr. President)



PASSED March 27 1981

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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Senate Bill No. 340

(By MR. MCGRAW, MR. PRESIDENT, *by request*)

[Passed March 27, 1981; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two and four, article seventeen, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to admission and record of applicants to the West Virginia schools for the deaf and blind; pupils' period of attendance; special admissions; programs for youths over twenty-three years of age.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections two and four, article seventeen, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 17. WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.

§18-17-2. Admission and record of applicants.

1 Deaf and/or blind youth residents in the state, between the
2 ages of five and twenty-three, inclusive, shall be enrolled in
3 the schools on application to the superintendent, until the
4 schools are filled. Applicants shall be admitted by the
5 superintendent on the basis of need and degree of
6 impairment as determined by the schools' admissions
7 committee. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to keep
8 a careful record of the names of all applicants with the dates
9 of their admission and discharge, their ages, post-office
10 addresses, the names of their parents or guardians, and the
11 degree, cause and circumstances of their deafness or
12 blindness.

13 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the
14 school from providing special education programs including,
15 but not limited to, classes, parent education, home teaching
16 or visiting teacher services for deaf and blind children from
17 birth. The schools may also enter into contractual
18 arrangements with counties to provide evaluation, short-term
19 instruction and other educational services, including direct
20 instruction.

§18-17-4. Period of attendance; special admissions.

1 The pupils of said schools may continue therein until
2 completion of the prescribed course of study, or a lesser
3 period of time which the condition and progress of the pupils
4 may justify, as determined by the state board of education
5 upon recommendation of the school's superintendent. After
6 all applicants between the prescribed ages of five and
7 twenty-three years, inclusive, who are deaf or blind
8 individuals working toward completion of the requirements
9 for high school graduation have been enrolled, if there are
10 additional accommodations, the superintendent, on
11 recommendation of the admissions committee, may enroll
12 other deaf pupils and blind pupils who first are of preschool
13 age, and second are post-secondary students up to
14 twenty-three years of age who have completed the
15 requirements for high school graduation, and upon such
16 terms as the state board of education may prescribe; but it
17 shall be distinctly understood that such persons shall
18 withdraw from the institution in the order of their admission
19 to make room for new applicants between the ages prescribed
20 in section two of this article.

21 Vocational education and other educational services may
22 be provided for deaf and blind students beyond age
23 twenty-three in cooperation with the division of vocational
24 rehabilitation.

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

[Signature]
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *6*
day of *April*, 1981.

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Governor

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