WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1983

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HOUSE BILL No. 1748...

(By Mr. ...)

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Passed March 9, 1983

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section four-a, article three, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the compulsory testing for tuberculosis of school children and school personnel; X-ray required only if medically indicated.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four-a, article three, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE, AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

§16-3-4a. Compulsory testing for tuberculosis of school children and school personnel; X-rays required for reactors; suspension from school or employment for pupils and personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage.

All kindergarten pupils and all first grade pupils who have not had an approved tuberculin skin test in kindergarten and all students transferring from a school located outside this state shall furnish a certificate from a licensed physician stating that a tuberculin skin test approved by the director of the department of health has been made within four months' prior to the beginning of the school year, unless such pupil has moved to this state from another state less than four months prior to
starting the school year, in which event such pupil shall have
such test as soon in advance of the start of the school as is
reasonable, or if the school year has already started, the pupil
shall take such test within one month of the time he enters
school. Test results must be recorded on the certificate. Posi-
tive reactors to the skin test must be immediately evaluated
by a physician and, if medically indicated, X-rayed, and re-
ceive periodic X-rays thereafter, when medically indicated.
Pupils found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage
will not be allowed to attend school until their disease has been
arrested and is no longer communicable.

All school personnel shall have an approved tuberculin skin
test at time of employment and once every two years or more
frequently if medically indicated. Positive reactors to the skin
test are to be immediately referred to a physician for evalua-
tion and indicated treatment or further studies. The county
health officer shall be responsible for arranging proper follow-
up of school personnel and students who are unable to obtain
physician evaluation for a converted tuberculin skin test.
School personnel found to have tuberculosis in a communi-
cable stage shall have their employment discontinued or sus-
pended until their disease has been arrested and is no longer
communicable. School personnel who have not had the re-
quired examination will be suspended from employment until
reports of examination are confirmed.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within ___________________________ is approved this the ___________________________ day of ___________________________, 1983.

Governor