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*Committee Substitute for*  
SENATE BILL NO. 574

(By Mr. Holliday)



PASSED March 10, 1984

In Effect July 1, 1984 ~~Passage~~



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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

**Senate Bill No. 574**

(MR. HOLLIDAY, *original sponsor*)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seventeen, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to compulsory pre-enrollment hearing, vision and speech and language screening tests; requiring such tests for all children entering public school for the first time in this state; authorizing county boards of education to provide, upon request, such screening tests to all children entering non-public schools; requiring trained personnel to conduct such screening tests for all such children; and including speech and language disabilities in the provisions requiring notification.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section seventeen, article five, 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 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-17. Compulsory pre-enrollment hearing, vision and speech and language testing.**

1 All children entering public school for the first time in  
2 this state shall be given prior to their enrollments screen-

3 ing tests to determine if they might have vision or hear-  
4 ing impairments or speech and language disabilities.  
5 County boards of education may provide, upon request,  
6 such screening tests to all children entering nonpublic  
7 school. County boards of education shall conduct these  
8 screening tests for all children through the use of trained  
9 personnel. Parents or guardians of children who are  
10 found to have vision or hearing impairments or speech  
11 and language disabilities shall be notified of the results of  
12 these tests and advised that further diagnosis and treat-  
13 ment of the impairments or disabilities by qualified pro-  
14 fessional personnel is recommended.

15 The state board of education is hereby authorized to  
16 promulgate rules and regulations consistent with this  
17 section. The state superintendent is directed to apply  
18 for federal funds, if available, for the implementation of  
19 the require<sup>e</sup>ments of this section.

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

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Donald Anello  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect July 1, 1984.

Judd C. Willis  
Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Goff  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Walter R. Brown  
President of the Senate

W. M. Lee, Jr.  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 26  
day of March, 1984.

[Signature]  
Governor



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