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(By Delegate Ashcraft)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article twentyeight, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to standardized testing requirements of nonpublic schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, article twenty-eight, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirtyone, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 28. PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL OR CHURCH SCHOOLS, OR SCHOOLS OF A RELIGIOUS ORDER.

§18-28-3. Standardized testing requirements.

- Each private, parochial or church school or school of
- 2 a religious order or other nonpublic school electing to 3 operate under this statute in lieu of the approval
- 4 requirements set forth as part of section one, article
- 5 eight, chapter eighteen, exemption A shall administer
- 6 on an annual basis during each school year to every
- 7 child enrolled therein between the ages of seven and
- 8 sixteen years either the comprehensive test of basic
- 9 skills, the California achievement test, the Stanford
- 10 achievement test or the Iowa tests of basic skills/tests
- 11 of achievement and proficiency, which test will be
- 12 selected by the chief administrative officer of each
- 13 school in the subjects of English, grammar, reading,

social studies, science and mathematics; and shall be administered under standardized conditions as set forth by the published instructions of the selected test.

Each child's testing results and the school composite test results shall be made available to such child's parents or legal guardians. Upon request of a duly authorized representative of the West Virginia depart-ment of education, the school composite test results shall be furnished by the school or by a parents organization composed of the parents or guardians of children enrolled in said school to the state superintendent of schools.

Each school to which this article applies shall:

- (a) Establish curriculum objectives, the attainment of which will enable students to develop the potential for becoming literate citizens.
- (b) Provide an instructional program that will make possible the acquisition of competencies necessary to become a literate citizen.

If such school composite test results for any single year for English, grammar, reading, social studies, science and mathematics fall below the fortieth percentile on the selected tests, the school as herein described shall initiate a remedial program to foster achievement above that level. If after two consecutive calendar years school composite test results are not above the fortieth percentile level, attendance at the school may no longer satisfy the compulsory school attendance requirement exemption of exemption K, section one, article eight, chapter eighteen, until such time as the percentile standards herein set forth are met.

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

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