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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections six, twenty-six and twenty-nine, article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; to further amend said article by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirty; to amend and reenact section two. article two-e of said chapter; to further amend said article by adding thereto three new sections, designated sections three-a, three-b and seven; to amend and reenact sections four, eightcona and eighteen-c article five of said chapter; to amend and reenact sections two, four, five-a, six-a, seven, cight, nine, ten, thirteen-b and twenty-two, article nine-a of said chapter; to amend and reenact section one, article twenty of said chapter; to further amend said article by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine; to amend and reenact sections one, two, five-a, five-b, five-c, and eight-a, article four, chapter eighteen-a of said code; and to further amend said article by adding thereto a new section, designated section eight-d. all relating to the curriculum and instructional improvement; providing for the granting of certificates of proficiency to eligible high school graduates; providing for regional educational service agencies to conduct a

study for performing certain services and functions for public schools and school districts in the region and protecting certain employees; requiring each regional educational service agency to evaluate school services in its region and requiring each school to evaluate its regional educational service agency services; providing for awarding competitive grants to schools to implement exemplary and innovative programs to improve instruction; providing for establishment of a statewide curriculum technology resource center to facilitate access to and expedite acquisition of materials; providing for regional educational service agencics to serve as depository and distribution centers for curriculum technology resource materials; clarifying intent of readiness evaluations; providing criteria for use in the development of an evaluation model; requiring a criterion referenced test to be given to first and second graders in reading and math with third and fourth graders being tested in reading, composition and math; providing for honors and advanced placement courses in grades nine through twelve by school year one thousand nine hundred ninety-ninety-one; defining honors and advanced placement; establishing curriculum offered in honors and advanced placement and providing for the instruction thereof; providing for the phase-in of honors and advanced placement; providing that certain students in grades nine through twelve may be served in honors and advanced placement; requiring state board of education to designate an employee who is an expert in financial assistance to inform students of the availability of financial assistance to attend college; providing for high quality basic skills development and remediation in the public schools; changing the time requirement for when a county board must hold a public hearing concerning the preliminary operating budget; providing for additional compensation for elementary teachers whose number of pupils have exceeded the maximum class size; creating the early childhood program to replace the transitional or developmental kindergarten program; revising the definitions of professional instructional personnel, adjusted enrollment and basic resources per pupil; providing that

attrition, early retirement and other methods shall be utilized before implementing reduction in force procedures; permitting wavier of ratio of foundation allowance for professional educators and service personnel to net enrollment for a limited period; changing the gradual phase-in of the teachers retirement factor schedule from three and one half percent to the full fifteen percent; increasing school bus replacement cycle to ten years; increasing the foundation allowance for administrative cost to provide additional funding for regional educational service agencies; increasing the allowance for current expense; resetting base in foundation allowance to improve instructional programs; increasing the minimum amount of funds allocated to each county on the basis of adjusted enrollment from one hundred thousand to one hundred fifty thousand; changing the distribution of funds recaptured due to adjusted enrollment in allowances for remedial and accelerated education programs and salary equity; eliminating certain standards for education quality; revising exceptional children program and defining exceptional gifted; requiring caseload review of various programs in certain grades; establishing requirements for in-field master's degrees carned after a certain date; increasing by five percent the state minimum salary schedule for teachers effective the second half of the employment term and establishing infield master's salary schedule; removing the limits placed on benefits that counties may provide for teachers and service personnel; requiring certain study relating to service personnel salaries; increasing the service personnel state minimum pay scale to reflect an approximate aggregate five percent increase effective the second half of the employment term; and providing for consolidation of services and seniority rights for administrative personnel.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections six, twenty-six and twenty-nine, article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; that said article be further amended by adding

thereto a new section, designated section thirty; that section two, article two-e of said chapter be amended and reenacted; that said article be further amended by adding thereto three new sections, designated sections three-a, three-b and seven; that sections four, eighteen-a and eighteen-c, article five of said chapter be amended and reenacted; that sections two, four, five-a, six-a, seven, eight, nine, ten, thirteen-b and twenty-two, article nine-a of said chapter be amended and reenacted; that section one, article twenty of said chapter be amended and reenacted; that said article twenty be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine; that sections one, two, five-a, five-b, five-c, eight-a, article four, chapter eighteen-a of said code be amended and reenacted; and that said article be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section eight-d, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 18. EDUCATION.

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-6. Training of teachers; accreditation, classification and standardization of schools; standards for degrees and diploma.

(a) The education of teachers in the state shall be 1 $\mathbf{2}$ under the general direction and control of the state 3 board of education after consultation with the board of 4 regents, which shall, through the state superintendent $\mathbf{5}$ of schools, exercise supervisory control over teacher 6 preparation including (1) those programs in all institu-7 tions of higher education, including student teaching in 8 the public schools; and (2) any alternative training programs leading to licensure, in accordance with 9 standards for program approval stated in writing by the 1011 board. Such standards shall include a provision for the 12 study of multicultural education.

As used in this section, multicultural education means
the study of the pluralistic nature of American society
including its values, institutions, organizations, groups,
status positions and social roles.

17 (b) To give prospective teachers the teaching expe-18 rience needed to demonstrate competence, as a prereq-

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19 uisite to licensure, the state board of education may 20enter into an agreement with county boards of education 21 for the use of the public schools. Such agreement shall 22recognize student teaching as a joint responsibility of 23the teacher preparation institution and the cooperating $\mathbf{24}$ public schools and shall include (1) the minimum 25qualifications for the employment of public school 26 teachers selected as supervising teachers: (2) the $\mathbf{27}$ remuneration to be paid public school teachers by the 28 state board, in addition to their contractual salaries, for 29 supervising student teachers; and (3) minimum stand-30 ards to guarantee adequacy of facilities and program of 31 the public school selected for student teaching. The 32student teacher, under the direction and supervision of 33 the supervising teacher, shall exercise the authority of 34a substitute teacher.

35 Institutions of higher education approved for teacher 36 preparation may cooperate with each other and with one 37 or more county boards of education in the organization 38 and operation of centers to provide selected phases of the 39 teacher preparation program such as student teaching 40 or internship programs, instruction in methodology, 41 seminar programs for college students, first year 42 teachers and supervising teachers.

43 Such institutions of higher education and participating county boards of education may budget and expend 45 funds for the operation of such centers through pay-46 ments to the appropriate fiscal office of the county 47 designated by mutual agreement of participating county 48 school boards and higher education institutions to serve 49 as the administering agency of the center.

50 The provisions of this section shall not be construed 51 to require the discontinuation of an existing student 52 teacher training center or school which meets the 53 standards of the state board of education.

54 All institutions of higher education approved for 55 teacher preparation in the school year of one thousand 56 nine hundred sixty-two—sixty-three shall continue to 57 hold that distinction so long as they meet the minimum 58 standards for teacher preparation. Nothing contained

herein shall infringe upon the rights granted to any
institution by charter given according to law previous
to the adoption of this code.

62(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article 63 to the contrary, the state board of education is autho-64 rized to develop alternative training programs leading 65 to licensure in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the state board of education after consulta-66 67 tion with the board of regents: Provided, That no teacher 68 shall be permanently certified who has not completed a 69 core curriculum, as determined by the state board after 70consultation with the board of regents, in an approved 71teacher preparation or improvement program of an 72accredited institution of higher education.

The state board shall also develop and implement a
beginning teacher internship program by the first day
of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety.

76 (d) The state board shall make rules for the accred-77itation, classification and standardization of all schools 78 in the state, except institutions of higher education, and 79 shall determine the minimum standards for the granting of diplomas and certificates of proficiency by those 80 schools. Not later than the school year one thousand nine 81 82 hundred ninety-ninety-onc, certificates of proficiency 83 including specific information regarding the graduate's skills, competence, and readiness for employment or 84 85 honors and advanced education shall be granted, along 86 with the diploma, to every eligible high school graduate. 87 No institution of less than collegiate or university status 88 may grant any diploma or certificate of proficiency on any basis of work or merit below the minimum stand-89 90 ards prescribed by the state board.

91 No charter or other instrument containing the right 92to issue diplomas or certificates of proficiency shall be 93 granted by the state of West Virginia to any institution 94 or other associations or organizations of less than 95 collegiate or university status within the state until the 96 condition of granting or issuing such diplomas or other certificates of proficiency has first been approved in 97 98 writing by the state board.

§18-2-26. Establishment of multi-county regional educational service agencies; purposes; authority to implement regional services.

(a) In order to consolidate and administer more 1 2 effectively existing educational programs and services 3 so individual districts will have more discretionary 4 moneys for educational improvement and in order to 5 equalize and extend educational opportunities, the state board of education shall establish multi-county regional 6 $\overline{7}$ educational service agencies for the purpose of provid-8 ing high quality, cost effective educational programs 9 and services to the county school systems, and shall 10make such rules as may be necessary for the effective administration and operation of such agencies. 11

12 (b) In furtherance of these purposes, it is the duty of the board of directors of each regional educational 13 14 service agency to continually explore possibilities for the delivery of services on a regional basis which will 15facilitate equality in the educational offerings among 16 17 counties in its service area, permit the delivery of high quality educational programs at a lower per student 18 19 cost, strengthen the cost effectiveness of education 20 funding resources, reduce administrative and/or operational costs, including the consolidation of administra-21 22 tive, coordinating and other county level functions into 23 region level functions, and promote the efficient 24 administration and operation of the public school 25systems generally.

Technical, operational, programmatic or professional services would be among the types of services appropriate for delivery on a regional basis.

29 (c) In addition to performing the services and func-30 tions required by the provisions of this or any other 31 section of this code, a regional educational service 32 agency may implement regional programs and services by a majority vote of its board of directors. When said 33 34vote is not unanimous, the board of directors shall file a plan for the service or program delivery with the state 35 board describing the program or service, the manner of 36 delivery and the projected savings and/or the improved 37

38quality of the program or service. The state board shall 39 promulgate rules requiring a county board that declines 40 to participate in such programs or services to show just 41 cause for not participating and the estimated savings 42 accruing to the county therefrom. If a county board fails 43 to show that savings will accrue to the county or that 44 the quality of the program will be significantly and 45 positively affected as a result of its decision not to participate, the state board shall withhold from the 46 47county's foundation allowance for administrative cost 48the lesser of the amount of the estimated savings or the 49allocation for the county's foundation allowance for 50administrative cost.

51(d) The state board, in conjunction with the various 52regional educational service agencies, shall develop an 53effective model for the regional delivery of instruction 54 in subjects where there exists low student enrollment or a shortage of certified teachers or where such delivery 55 56method substantially improves the quality of an instructional program. Such model shall incorporate an 57 interactive electronic classroom approach to instruction. 58 59 To the extent funds are appropriated or otherwise available, county boards or regional educational service 60 61 agencies may adopt and utilize the model for the 62delivery of such instruction.

63 (e) Each regional educational service agency shall 64 conduct a study setting forth how the following services 65 and functions may be performed by the agency for public schools and school districts within the region 66 67 without terminating the employment of personnel 68 employed by school districts prior to the effective date 69 of this subsection: Accounting, purchasing, food service, 70transportation, delivery of high cost services to low 71incidence student populations, audiovisual material 72distribution, facilities planning, federal program 73 coordination, personnel recruiting and an integrated 74 regional computer information system. On or before the 75 tenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety, 76 each regional educational service agency shall submit 77the study to the state board, to the standing committees 78 on education and finance of the West Virginia Senate

and House of Delegates, and to the secretary of
education and the arts: *Provided*, That in the event such
study is implemented those individuals employed prior
to the effective date thereof shall not have their
employment terminated as a result of the study.

(f) Each regional educational service agency shall 84 85 submit a report and evaluation of the services provided and utilized by the schools within each respective 86 region. Furthermore, each school shall submit an 87 evaluation of the scrvices provided by the regional 88 educational service agency, which shall include an 89 evaluation of the regional educational service agency 90 program, suggestions as to how to improve utilization 91 92and the individual school's plan as to development of new programs and enhancement of existing programs. 93 94 The reports shall be due by the first day of January of each year commencing with the year one thousand nine 95 hundred ninety-one and shall be made available to the 96 97 state board of education, standing committees on 98 education of the West Virginia senate and house of 99 delegates and to the secretary of education and the arts.

(g) A regional board shall be empowered to receive
and disburse funds from the state and federal governments, member counties, gifts and grants.

§18-2-29. Competitive grant program for selected schools and school districts.

1 The state board shall establish no later than the school 2 year one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine—ninety, a 3 competitive grant program whereby schools may be 4 awarded grants to implement exemplary and innovative 5 programs designed to improve instruction.

Applications for awarding competitive grants which 6 $\mathbf{7}$ include one or more of the following considerations shall 8 be given priority: (a) whether local community resources 9 have been committed to work in partnership with the school to implement the program, (b) whether the 10 program involves extending the school year, (c) whether 11 12 the program is for remediation, (d) whether the proposal 13 will implement an early childhood program pursuant to section eighteen-c, article five of this chapter, (e) 14

15 whether the proposal will implement a beginning 16 teacher assistance program, (f) whether the school has 17 probationary or nonapproval accreditation status, and, (g) how the program will be evaluated based on 18 19 measurable performance criteria such as: student 20 achievement gain; student attendance; teacher attend-21 ance; parent participation; reduction in the amount of 22 paperwork required of teachers; and any other factor 23 promoting the attainment of full accreditation for the $\mathbf{24}$ school or the school district.

The state board shall promulgate rules which ensure that the school or school district utilizes these funds appropriately. The state board shall encourage the donation of funds from private and other sources to augment state funding for the program.

§18-2-30. Statewide curriculum technology resource center established; distribution of materials by regional educational service agencies.

1 There shall be established a statewide curriculum 2 technology resource center to facilitate access to and, 3 expedite the acquisition of, audiovisual materials to 4 assist in the continued enrichment of the school curric- $\mathbf{5}$ ulum. The state board shall designate the statewide 6 center. The legislative intent is that appropriations for 7 the said resource center be designated primarily for 8 supportive materials to be made available for use by 9 teachers: Provided, That no more than five percent of 10the moneys allocated for fiscal year one thousand nine 11 hundred eighty-nine—ninety be used for capital outlay 12and improvements on any structure used to house said 13 resource center. The center shall develop a program of 14 services for public school teachers in the fields of 15 curricular development, instructional resources and 16 technology. The center shall also undertake projects to 17 describe systematically and evaluate curriculum mate-18 rials and instruction resources, provide for dissemina-19 tion of software and programs to teachers, provide 20 leadership in the areas of instructional resources and 21 provide training to increase skills in the use of technol-22 ogy and other instructional resources.

23The center shall be a centralized purchasing agent for 24 audiovisual materials requested for use in the public 25schools. The center shall utilize curriculum teams of 26classroom teachers and other professional educators 27 representing all regional educational service agency 28 regions to assist in the materials selection process. The 29 center may obtain authorization to duplicate such 30 materials and may duplicate such materials when 31 duplication is justified by cost and need and when 32 appropriate authorization has been obtained. The center 33 shall maintain a central library of all original materials duplicated and shall compile no later than the first day 34 35 of July, one thousand ninc hundred ninety, a statewide catalog of all audiovisual materials available. The center 36 37 shall make the statewide catalog accessible to teachers 38 through electronic or other means.

39 Each regional educational service agency shall serve 40 as a depository and distribution center for the audiov-41 isual materials available to the public schools in its 42 region. Each regional educational service agency shall 43 survey audiovisual material currently held in the public 44 schools in its region and submit the list to the statewide 45 center for possible inclusion in the statewide catalog: 46 *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed 47 to change ownership by any county board of any 48 materials which are included in the catalog. Whenever 49 the regional educational service agency receives a 50 request for material not listed in the statewide catalog, 51the agency shall submit a request to the statewide center 52for review by one of the curriculum teams and, if appropriate, purchase and distribute the material. 53

ARTICLE 2E. HIGH QUALITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

§18-2E-2. Statewide testing of educational progress program (WV-STEP); purposes, development and implementation of program.

(a) The state board shall establish a program for the
 statewide testing of the educational progress of public
 school students in attaining a high quality education,
 hereinafter referred to as the WV-STEP program.

5 The WV-STEP program shall provide information to:

(1) Assess the overall academic progress of students, 6 7 including (i) identifying individual students' academic 8 weaknesses and readiness, and (ii) identifying students 9 who may need remediation; 10 (2) Assist the teacher in determining student 11 promotion: 12 (3) Compare achievement of students in West Virgi-13 nia to achievement of students on a national basis; 14 (4) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of school 15 performance; (5) Assess the effects of state and local educational 16 17 programs; (6) Make decisions at the state and local level with 18 19 regard to educational matters, including (i) the need for 20 new or revised educational programs and the need to terminate existing educational programs, (ii) overall 2122 curriculum development and revision activities, and (iii) 23 teacher training and staff development activities; and (7) Inform the public of the overall quality of educa-24 25 tion in individual schools and school districts. 26 (b) The state board shall prepare detailed design 27specifications for the WV-STEP program which ac-28complish the following: 29(1) Take into account the state learning outcome 30 statements in the basic skill areas of reading, composition, mathematics and other subject areas as determined 31 32 by the state board; and 33 (2) Include testing of students' higher level cognitive thinking in each subject area tested. 34"Learning outcome statements" mean statements 35 developed and adopted by the state board which for the 36 37 purposes of this article have been fully and properly 38 field tested to insure their reliability and validity in

41 used to measure indicators of statewide standards for 42 student progress in attaining a high quality education.

indicating the knowledge base and skills expected of

students for particular subject areas and which may be

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43 (c) The state board shall implement the WV-STEP44 program as follows:

45 (1) Beginning in the school year one thousand nine46 hundred ninety—ninety-one, and continuing thereafter:

47 (i) An evaluation designed to measure student read-48 iness to begin the formal school curriculum shall be 49 administered to all kindergarten public school students. 50 Such evaluation shall be used solely to assist in making 51 policy decisions at the state and local levels with regard 52 to educational matters as outlined in subdivision six of 53 subsection (a) of this section, and shall not be used for 54 individual diagnostic or placement purposes.

(ii) An evaluation model for children in kindergarten,
first and second grades shall be developed by a
committee of teachers, parents and principals selected
by each regional educational service agency board
within each regional educational service agency. The
evaluation model shall be developed using the following
criteria:

62 (a) The model shall be based on the fact that kinder63 garten through second grade is educationally
64 continuous;

(b) The model shall allow for variability in the
achievement of children in kindergarten through second
grade;

68 (c) The model shall be applied continuously to reflect69 assessment as a teaching tool;

(d) Information gathered by the evaluation model
shall be used to adapt curriculum and to provide
feedback to parents;

(e) The model shall include a measure of achievementof the state learning outcomes.

The evaluation model, as developed by each regional educational service agency committee, shall be made available to the state board and to the legislative oversight commission on education accountability by the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred nincty; and

(iii) A criterion referenced test measuring competencies based on the learning outcome statements shall be
administered to all public school students in grades one
and two to measure their academic progress in reading
and mathematics; and

86 (iv) A criterion referenced test measuring competen87 cies based on the learning outcome statements shall be
88 administered to all public school students in grades
89 three and four to measure their academic progress in
90 reading, composition and mathematics.

91 The results of the tests shall be used to identify each 92 student's deficiencies, aid in determining instruction 93 needed by the student in achieving the statewide 94 standards established for the respective grade and assist 95 the teacher in determining student promotion.

96 (2) Beginning in the school year one thousand nine
97 hundred ninety-one—ninety-two, and continuing
98 thereafter:

99 (i) A criterion referenced test measuring competen-100 cies based on the learning outcome statements for 101 reading, composition and mathematics in grade five 102shall be administered to all public school students in 103 grade five. Each year thereafter, a criterion referenced 104 test for these subject areas shall be administered to 105students in the next higher grade through grade eight; 106 and

(ii) Criterion referenced testing measuring competencies based on the learning outcome statements in
additional subject areas shall be implemented as funds
are available on a schedule determined by the board.

(3) Bcginning in the school year one thousand nine
hundred ninety—ninety-one, and continuing thereafter,
National Assessment of Educational Progress Program
tests shall be administered in academic areas at the
various grades designated by the National Assessment
of Educational Progress officials to provide comparisons
of West Virginia students to a national sample.

118 (d) The state board shall revise and update the 119 learning outcome statements as necessary and shall determine a schedule for the annual administration of
the WV-STEP program tests. The state superintendent
is responsible for the overall development, implementation and monitoring of the program. The state board
may establish a pilot program to implement the WVSTEP program prior to the required implementation
dates under subsection (c) of this section.

127 (e) Any student who is unable to take any of the tests 128 prescribed in this section because of absence from school 129 and provides school authorities with a valid reason for 130such absence shall be given the missed test as soon as 131possible following the student's return to school. An 132exceptional child is subject to testing under the WV-133STEP program only to the extent specified in that 134 child's individualized education program (IEP).

(f) The parent or guardian of each student tested 135 136 under the WV-STEP program shall be notified in 137 writing of the students test score, along with the average 138 test score of all other students in the same grade at the 139 school. The state board shall promulgate rules for the 140 compilation of aggregate test scores by grade in such 141 manner as to permit the comparison of student perfor-142 mance at different schools within and among the various 143 school districts. The test scores of all students taking the test at each school shall be compiled by the district 144 145 pursuant to such rules, shall be made available for public inspection and shall be included in the school and 146 147 county report cards under section four of this article. 148 However, no individual student's WV-STEP scores may 149 be disclosed to the public.

(g) The department of education shall take necessary
administrative action under section five of this article
to monitor and evaluate the curriculum and instruction
methods in each school district to insure compliance
with the standards and purposes of this article.

§18-2E-3a. Honors and advanced placement programs.

1 (a) The purpose of this section is to provide honors and 2 advanced placement programs to meet the needs of 3 students who have the potential and desire to complete 4 curriculum more demanding than that offered in the

5 regular classroom for their current grade level. Honors 6 programs are those programs offering courses to expand 7 the academic content in a given program of study and 8 may include, but shall not be limited to, research and 9 in-depth studies, mentorships, content-focused seminars, 10 and extended learning outcomes instruction in the 11 content area. Advanced placement programs are those 12 programs offering classes which are advanced in terms 13 of content and performance expectations of those normally available for the age/grade level of the student 14 15 and providing credit toward graduation and possible college credit. Advanced placement classes also include 16 17those recognized or offered by the college board, 18 postsecondary institutions and other recognized founda-19 tions corporations or institutions.

20Curriculum approved under this section shall be 21 designed to advance the achievement of students in the 22 subject area or areas in which the student has achieved 23 at least two of the following three criteria: (a) demon-24 strated exceptional ability and interest through past 25performance, (b) obtained the prerequisite knowledge 26and skills to perform honors or advanced placement 27 work, and (c) recommended by the student's former or 28present teachers. Honors and advanced placement curriculum may include advanced placement courses 2930 offered through the college board or other public or 31 private foundations, corporations, institutions, or 32 businesses whose courses are generally accepted as 33 leading to advanced placement or standing in a postse-34 condary institution, accelerated instructional courses 35 offered via satellite and other courses and arrange-36 ments, approved by the state board, which provide 37 students an opportunity to advance their learning above 38 that offered through the regular curriculum. To the 39 maximum extent possible, honors and advanced place-40 ment courses shall be taught by a regular classroom teacher. Such classroom teacher shall have adequate 41 42 knowledge in the subject area for the instruction of such 43 course. If a teacher, licensed by the state board, with adequate knowledge in the advanced subject area is not 44 45 available, an adjunct teacher or other qualified person may be employed, contracted for, or shared between 46

47 schools to instruct such course: Provided, That the position shall be posted annually prior to the beginning 48 of the school year immediately following the school year 49 50 in which the adjunct teacher or other qualified person 51 is employed. The state board may grant waivers to existing certification requirements for an adjunct 52 teacher or other qualified person who has an earned 53 bachelors degree and has demonstrated competence in 54 55 the subject to be taught.

56 (b) The honors and advanced placement curriculum 57 shall be phased-in in accordance with the following 58 schedule:

59 (1) Prior to the first day of June, one thousand nine 60 hundred eighty-nine, the state board shall establish a program coordinated through the colleges and univer-61 62 sities or some other entity, to provide training to 63 teachers in the instruction of honors and advanced placement courses: Provided, That the state board shall 64 not establish an additional certification area for the 65 66 teaching of honors or advanced placement courses;

67 (2) To assist in the implementation of teacher training
68 for honors and advanced placement instruction, there
69 shall be an appropriation to the state board;

70 (3) On or before the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, and each year thereafter, 71 teachers shall be selected to teach honors and advanced 72placement courses based upon the teacher's qualifica-73 74 tions and academic interests and the needs of the 75students. The county boards of education shall, if necessary, make arrangements for the teachers to attend 76 77 a training program;

(4) Beginning in the school year one thousand nine
hundred ninety—ninety-one, each county board shall
provide in grades nine through twelve honors and
advanced placement courses as provided under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The state board shall designate one employee who
is an expert in the area of higher education financial
aid, including, but not limited to, loans, grants and work

studies, to work on a full-time continuous basis with
high school counselors to ensure that all high school
students are informed of the availability of financial
assistance to attend college.

§18-2E-3b. Placement advisory committee established.

1 Gifted students in grades nine through twelve may be $\mathbf{2}$ served in honors and advanced placement programs as 3 described in section three of this article, pursuant to the 4 student's individualized education program and set 5forth in the student's four year education plan. Prior to 6 the end of grade eight, a placement advisory committee $\overline{7}$ shall convene for the purpose of determining whether a 8 student should be placed in an honors or advanced 9 placement program pursuant to the placement criteria 10set forth in section three-a of this article. Upon a 11 determination that placement in one of the programs 12 would be appropriate, the placement advisory commit-13 tee shall write a four year education plan which will 14 designate honors or advanced placement courses and/or 15 offerings appropriate and agreed to by the school, 16 parent and student.

17 The four year education plan must be reviewed 18 annually and approved by the parent, student and 19 school. Schools shall be required to deliver the individ-20 ualized education program as stated in the four year 21 education plan.

§18-2E-7. Providing for high quality basic skills development and remediation in all public schools.

1 The legislature finds that teachers must be provided $\mathbf{2}$ the support, assistance and teaching tools necessary to 3 meet individual student instructional needs on a daily 4 basis in a classroom of students who differ in learning 5 styles, learning rates and in motivation to learn. The 6 legislature further finds that attaining a solid founda-7 tion in the basic skills of reading, composition and 8 arithmetic is essential for advancement in higher 9 education, occupational and avocational pursuits and 10 that computers are an effective tool for the teacher in corrective, remedial and enrichment activities. 11 12Therefore, the state board shall develop a plan which specifies the resources to be used to provide services to
students in the earliest grade level and moving upward
as resources become available based on a plan developed
by each individual school team.

17 This plan must provide for standardization of compu-18 ter hardware and software for the purposes of achieving economies of scale, facilitating teacher training, permit-19 ting the comparison of achievement of students in 20 21 schools and counties utilizing the hardware and soft-22 ware, and facilitating the repair of equipment, and 23 insuring appropriate utilization of the hardware and software purchased for remediation and basic skills 24 25development.

The state board shall determine the computer hardware and software specifications after input from practicing teachers at the appropriate grade levels and with the assistance of educational computer experts and the curriculum technology resource center.

Computer hardwarc and software shall be purchased
either directly or through a lease purchase arrangement
pursuant to the provisions of article three, chapter fivea of this code in the amount equal to anticipated
revenues being appropriated.

The state board shall develop and provide through the
state curriculum technology resource center a program
to insure adequate teacher training, continuous teacher
support, and updates.

§18-5-4. Meetings; employment and assignment of teachers; budget hearing; compensation of members; affiliation with state and national associations.

The board shall meet on the first Monday of January, 1 2 except that in the year one thousand nine hundred 3 eighty-two, and every year thereafter, the board shall meet on the first Monday of July, and upon the dates 4 5 provided by law for the laying of levics, and at such other times as the board may fix upon its records. At 6 $\overline{7}$ any meeting as authorized above and in compliance with the provisions of article four of this chapter, the board 8

9 may employ such qualified teachers, or those who will 10 qualify by the time of entering upon their duties, 11 necessary to fill existing or anticipated vacancies for the 12 current or next ensuing school year. At a meeting of the 13board, on or before the first Monday of May, the 14 superintendent shall furnish in writing to the board a list of those teachers to be considered for transfer and 15 16 subsequent assignment for the next ensuing school year; all other teachers not so listed shall be considered as 17reassigned to the positions held at the time of this 18 19 meeting. Such list of those recommended for transfer 20shall be included in the minute record and the teachers 21so listed shall be notified in writing, which notice shall 22 be delivered in writing, by certified mail, return receipt 23 requested, to such teachers' last-known addresses within 24 ten days following said board meeting, of their having 25 been so recommended for transfer and subsequent 26 assignment.

27 Special meetings may be called by the president or 28 any three members, but no business shall be transacted 29 other than that designated in the call.

30 In addition, a public hearing shall be held concerning 31 the preliminary operating budget for the next fiscal 32year not less than ten days after such budget has 33 received tentative approval by the West Virginia board 34 of education and at such hearing reasonable time shall be granted to any person or persons who wish to speak 35 36 regarding parts or all of such budget. Notice of such 37hearing shall be published as a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three, 38 39 chapter fifty-nine of this code.

40 A majority of the members shall constitute the 41 quorum necessary for the transaction of official 42 business.

Board members may receive compensation at a rate
not to exceed eighty dollars per meeting attended. But
they shall not receive pay for more than fifty-two
meetings in any one fiscal year.

47 Members shall also be paid, upon the presentation of 48 an itemized sworn statement, for all necessary traveling 49 expenses, including all authorized meetings, incurred on50 official business, at the order of the board.

51When, by a majority vote of its members, a county 52board of education deems it a matter of public interest, 53such board may join the West Virginia school board 54 association and the national school board association, 55and may pay such dues as may be prescribed by said 56 associations and approved by action of the respective 57 county boards. Membership dues and actual traveling 58 expenses of board members for attending meetings of 59 the West Virginia school board association may be paid 60 by their respective county boards of education out of 61 funds available to meet actual expenses of the members, 62 but no allowance shall be made except upon sworn 63 itemized statements.

§18-5-18a. Maximum teacher-pupil ratio.

1 County boards of education shall provide, by the $\mathbf{2}$ school year one thousand nine hundred eighty-three-3 eighty-four, and thereafter, sufficient personnel, equip-4 ment and facilities as will ensure that each first and 5 second grade classroom, or classrooms having two or 6 more grades that include either the first or second $\mathbf{7}$ grades shall not have more than twenty-five pupils for 8 each teacher of the grade or grades and shall not have 9 more than twenty pupils for each kindergarten teacher 10 per session, unless the state superintendent has excepted 11 a specific classroom upon application therefor by a 12 county board.

13 County boards shall provide by the school year one 14 thousand nine hundred eighty-four-eighty-five, and 15continue thereafter, sufficient personnel, equipment and 16 facilities as will ensure that each third, fourth, fifth and 17 sixth grade classroom, or classrooms having two or more 18 grades that include one or more of the third, fourth, fifth 19 and sixth grades, shall not have more than twenty-five 20 pupils for each teacher of the grade or grades.

21 Beginning with the school year one thousand nine 22 hundred eighty-six—eighty-seven, and thereafter, no 23 county shall maintain a greater number of classrooms 24 having two or more grades that include one or more of

the grade levels referred to in this section than were in existence in said county as of the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-three: *Provided*, That for the prior school years, and only if there is insufficient classroom space available in the school or county, a county may maintain one hundred ten percent of such number of classrooms.

32 During the school year one thousand nine hundred 33 eighty-four-eighty-five, and thereafter, the state 34 superintendent is authorized, consistent with sound 35 educational policy, (a) to permit on a statewide basis, in 36 grades four through six, more than twenty-five pupils 37 per teacher in a classroom for the purposes of instruc-38 tion in physical education, and (b) to permit more than 39 twenty pupils per teacher in a specific kindergarten 40 classroom and twenty-five pupils per teacher in a 41 specific classroom in grades one through six during a 42 school year in the event of extraordinary circumstances 43 as determined by the state superintendent after appli-44 cation by a county board of education.

45 The state board shall establish guidelines for the 46 exceptions authorized in this section, but in no event 47 shall the superintendent except classrooms having more 48 than three pupils above the pupil-teacher ratio as set 49 forth in this section.

50The requirement for approval of an exception to 51 exceed the twenty pupils per kindergarten teacher per 52session limit or the twenty-five pupils per teacher limit 53in grades one through six is waived in schools where the 54schoolwide pupil-teacher ratio is twenty-five or less in 55grades one through six: Provided, That a teacher shall 56 not have more than three pupils above the teacher/pupil 57ratio as set forth in this section. Any kindergarten teacher who has more than twenty pupils per session 5859 and any classroom teacher of grades one through six 60 who has more than twenty-five pupils shall be paid 61 additional compensation based on the affected classroom 62 teacher's average daily salary divided by twenty for 63kindergarten teachers or twenty-five for teachers of 64 grades one through six for every day times the number 65 of additional pupils enrolled up to the maximum pupils 66 permitted in the teacher's classroom. All such additional 67 compensation shall be paid from county funds 68 exclusively.

69 No provision of this section is intended to limit the 70 number of pupils per teacher in a classroom for the 71 purpose of instruction in choral, band or orchestra 72 music.

Each school principal shall assign students equitably
among the classroom teachers, taking into consideration
reasonable differences due to subject areas and/or grade
levels.

77 The state board shall collect from each county board 78 of education information on class size and the number 79 of pupils per teacher for all classes in grades seven 80 through twelve. The state board shall report such 81 information to the legislative oversight commission on 82 education accountability before the first day of January 83 of each year.

§18-5-18c. Early childhood programs; eligibility and standards for placement; guidelines and criteria.

1 County boards shall provide by the school year one 2 thousand nine hundred eighty-nine—ninety, and contin-3 uing thereafter, programs and instructional procedures 4 that recognize the variability in achievement, develop-5 ment, and background experience of the early childhood 6 years.

Such programs and instructional procedures may
include, but shall not be limited to, developmental
kindergarten, developmental first grade, early first
grade, transitional first grade, and/or developmental
second grade.

12 Placement of children in any of the aforementioned 13 early childhood programs shall be based on the judg-14 ment of the teacher and other professional personnel 15 after consultation with the parent or guardian and in 16 accordance with the evaluation model for children as set 17 forth in section two, article two-e of this chapter. 18 Counties may designate one or more classes or schools

19 for such early childhood programs and may transport20 children to these schools.

Provisions shall be made for early childhood teachers
to communicate on a regular basis with other teachers,
professional personnel and representatives of other
appropriate agencies.

The state board shall establish and prescribe guidelines and criteria relating to the establishment, operation and successful completion of early childhood programs in accordance with the other provisions of this section and high quality educational programs.

ARTICLE 9A. PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT.

§18-9A-2. Definitions.

1 For the purpose of this article:

2 "State board" means the West Virginia board of 3 education.

4 "County board" or "board" means a county board of 5 education.

6 "Professional salaries" means the state legally man-7 dated salaries of the professional educators as provided 8 in article four, chapter eighteen-a of this code.

9 "Professional educator" shall be synonymous with and 10 shall have the same meaning as "teacher" as defined in 11 section one, article one, chapter eighteen of this code.

12 "Professional instructional personnel" means a professional educator whose regular duty is as that of a 13 14 classroom teacher, librarian, counselor, attendance director, school psychologist or school nurse with a 15 bachelors degree and who is licensed by the West 16 17Virginia board of examiners for registered professional nurses. A professional educator having both instruc-18 19 tional and administrative or other duties shall be included as professional instructional personnel for that 20ratio of the school day for which he is assigned and 21 22serves on a regular full-time basis in appropriate 23instruction, library, counseling, attendance, psychologist 24 or nursing duties.

25 "Service personnel salaries" shall mean the state
26 legally mandated salaries for service personnel as
27 provided in section eight-a, article four, chapter
28 eighteen-a of this code.

29 "Service personnel" shall mean all personnel as 30provided for in section eight, article four, chapter 31eighteen-a of this code. For the purpose of computations 32 under this article of ratios of service personnel to 33 adjusted enrollment, a service employee shall be counted 34 as that number found by dividing his number of 35 employment days in a fiscal year by two hundred: 36 Provided, That the computation for any such person 37employed for three and one-half hours or less per day 38 as provided in section eight-a, article four, chapter 39 eighteen-a of this code, shall be calculated as one half 40 an employment day.

41 "Net enrollment" means the number of pupils enrolled 42 in special education programs, kindergarten programs 43 and grades one to twelve, inclusive, of the public schools 44 of the county. Commencing with the school year 45 beginning on the first day of July, one thousand nine 46 hundred eighty-eight, net enrollment further shall 47 include adults enrolled in regular secondary vocational 48 programs existing as of the effective date of this section: 49 Provided, That net enrollment shall include no more 50 than one thousand such adults counted on the basis of 51full-time equivalency and apportioned annually to each county in proportion to the adults participating in 52 53 regular secondary vocational programs in the prior year 54 counted on the basis of full-time equivalency: Provided, 55however, That no tuition or special fees beyond that 56 required of the regular secondary vocational student is 57charged for such adult students.

58 "Adjusted enrollment" means the net enrollment plus 59 twice the number of pupils enrolled for special educa-60 tion Commencing with the school year beginning on the 61 first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety, 62 adjusted enrollment means the net enrollment plus 63 twice the number of pupils enrolled for special educa-64 tion, including exceptional gifted, plus the number of 65 pupils in grades nine through twelve enrolled for honors

66 and advanced placement programs, plus the number of 67 pupils enrolled on the first day of July, one thousand 68 nine hundred eighty-nine in the gifted program in 69 grades nine through twelve: Provided, That commenc-70 ing with the school year beginning on the first day of 71July, one thousand nine hundred ninety, no more than 72four percent of net enrollment of grades one through 73 cight may be counted as enrolled in gifted education and 74 no more than six percent of net enrollment of grades 75 nine through twelve may be counted as enrolled in 76 gifted education, exceptional gifted education (subject to 77 the limitation set forth in section one, article twenty of 78 this chapter) and honors and advanced placement 79programs for the purpose of determining adjusted enrollment within a county: Provided, however, That 80 81 nothing herein shall be construed to limit the number 82 of students who may actually enroll in gifted, honors or 83 advanced placement education programs in any county: 84 Provided further, That until the school year beginning 85 on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 86 nincty-two, the preceding percentage limitations shall 87 not restrict the adjusted enrollment definition for a 88 county to the extent that those limitations are exceeded 89 by students enrolled in gifted education programs on the 90 first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine: 91 And provided further, That no pupil may be counted 92 more than three times for the purpose of determining 93 adjusted enrollment. Such enrollment shall be adjusted 94 to the equivalent of the instructional term and in 95 accordance with such eligibility requirements and rules 96 as established by the state board. No pupil shall be 97 counted more than once by reason of transfer within the 98 county or from another county within the state, and no 99 pupil shall be counted who attends school in this state 100 from another state.

101 "Levies for general current expense purposes" means
102 on each hundred dollars of valuation, twenty-two and
103 five tenths cents on Class I property, forty-five cents on
104 Class II property, and ninety cents on Classes III and
105 IV property.

106 "Basic resources per pupil" for the state and the

107 several counties means the total of (a) property tax 108 revenues computed at the maximum regular levy rates as provided by section six-c, article eight, chapter eleven 109 110 of this code, at a uniform rate of ninety-five percent, but 111 excluding revenues from increased levies as provided in 112 section ten, article X of the Constitution of West 113 Virginia, and (b) basic state aid as provided in sections twelve and thirteen of this article, but excluding the 114 115 foundation allowance to improve instructional programs 116 as provided in section ten of this article, and excluding 117 any funds appropriated for the purpose of achieving 118 salary equity among county board employees, this total 119 divided by the number of students in adjusted enrol-120 lment: Provided, That beginning with the school year 121commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine 122 hundred ninety-one, and thereafter, the foundation 123allowance for transportation cost as provided in section 124 seven of this article shall also be excluded and the total 125shall be divided by the number of students in net enrollment: Provided, however, That any year's alloca-126 127 tions to the counties of the eighty percent portion of the 128 foundation allowance to improve instructional pro-129 grams, as provided in section ten of this article, shall 130 be determined on the basis of the immediately preceding 131 school year's basic resources per pupil.

§18-9A-4. Foundation allowance for professional educators.

1 The basic foundation allowance to the county for $\mathbf{2}$ professional educators shall be the amount of money 3 required to pay the state minimum salaries, in accor-4 dance with provisions of article four, chapter eighteena of the code, to such personnel employed: Provided, $\mathbf{5}$ 6 That in making this computation no county shall receive 7 an allowance for such personnel which number is in 8 excess of fifty-five professional educators to each one thousand students in adjusted enrollment: Provided, 9 10 however, That any county not qualifying under the 11 provision of section fourteen of this article shall be 12 eligible for a growth rate in professional personnel in 13any one year not to exceed twenty percent of its total 14 potential increase under this provision, except that in no

15 case shall such limit be fewer than five professionals: 16 Provided further. That the number of and the allowance 17 for personnel paid in part by state and county funds shall be prorated: And provided further, That where two 18 19 or more counties join together in support of a vocational 20or comprehensive high school or any other program or 21 service, the professional educators for such school or 22program may be prorated among the participating 23counties on the basis of each one's enrollment therein 24 and that such personnel shall be considered within the 25above-stated limit: And provided further, That in the school year beginning the first day of July, one thousand 26nine hundred eighty-eight, and the succeeding school 2728 year, each county board shall establish and maintain a 29 minimum ratio of fifty professional instructional 30 personnel per one thousand students in adjusted 31enrollment, and in the school year beginning the first 32 day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety, and for 33 each succeeding school year, each county board shall 34 establish and maintain a minimum ratio of fifty-one 35 professional instructional personnel per one thousand 36 students in adjusted enrollment. Any county board 37 which does not establish and maintain this minimum 38 ratio shall suffer a pro rata reduction in the allowance 39 for professional educators under this section, and, further, any county board which does not establish and 40 41 maintain this minimum ratio shall utilize any and all allocations to it by provision of section fourteen of this 42 43 article solely to employ professional instructional 44 personnel until the minimum ratio is attained: And 45 provided further. That for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 46 47 eighty-eight, only, the foundation allowance for profes-48 sional educators for a county board of education shall be equal to the amount allowable based upon the actual 49 ratio of professional educators per one thousand students 50 in net enrollment for which the county board of 51 52 education received state reimbursement during the school year one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven-5354 eighty-eight, except that this provision shall not apply 55to those counties whose percent rate of special education enrollment to net enrollment is less than sixteen and two 56

57tenths percent. No person employed prior to the first 58 day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight, 59 shall have their employment terminated because of a reduction in force resulting from the provisions of this 60 section. Every county shall utilize methods other than 61 reductions in force, such as attrition and early retire-62 63 ment, before implementing their reductions in force 64 policy to comply with the limitations of this section.

§18-9A-5a. Ratio of foundation allowances for professional educators and service personnel to net cnrollment.

(a) The purpose of this section is to establish maxi-1 mum ratios between the numbers of professional 2 3 educators and service personnel in the counties which are funded through the public school support plan and 4 5 the net enrollment in the counties, such ratios are in 6 addition to the ratios provided for in sections four and 7 five of this article. It is the intent of the Legislature to 8 adjust these ratios pursuant to legislative act as may be 9 appropriate when additional personnel are needed to 10 perform additional duties.

11 (b) Commencing with the school year one thousand 12 nine hundred cighty-nine-ninety, and each year 13 thereafter, in computing the basic foundation allowance to a county for professional educators and the basic 14 foundation allowance to a county for service personnel 15 16 under sections four and five of this article, a county shall 17 not receive an allowance for such personnel which number per one thousand students in net enrollment is 18 in excess of the number of professional educators and 19 20the number of service personnel in the county computed 21 as follows:

22 23 24 25	For the school year	Maximum professional educators per 1000 net enrollment the preceding year	Maximum service personnel per 1000 net enrollment the preceding year
26	1989-90	76.5	45.5
27	1990-91	76.0	45.0
28	1991-92	75.5	44.5
29	1992-93	75.0	44.0

30	1993-94	74.5	43.75
31	1994-95 and	74.0	43.5
32	thereafter		

33 (c) No person employed prior to the first day of July. 34 one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight, will be laid off because of a reduction in force resulting from the 35 provisions of this section. Every county shall utilize 36 methods other than reductions in force, such as attrition 37 and early retirement, before implementing their 38 39 reductions in force policy to comply with the limitations 40 of this section.

41 (d) For the school years one thousand nine hundred 42 eighty-nine-ninety and one thousand nine hundred 43 ninety-ninety-one only, if a school district loses more 44 than six percent of the number chargeable for the 45 previous school year for professional educator positions 46 or service personnel positions, due to the maximum 47ratios established in subsection (b) of this section, it may 48 apply to the state board for a waiver of said ratios to 49 the extent that the loss exceeds either six percent of its 50 professional educators or service personnel: Provided, That the county board of education establishes and 5152 maintains a minimum ratio of fifty professional instruc-53 tional personnel per one thousand students in adjusted enrollment for the school year beginning the first day 54 55 of July one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine and fifty-56one professional instructional personnel per one thou-57sand students in adjusted enrollment for the school year 58one thousand nine hundred ninety-ninety-one as required in section four of this article. Waivers shall be 5960 determined on a case by case basis according to rules 61 adopted by the state board and granted to the extent funds are appropriated by the Legislature for this 62 63 purpose. Prior to the adoption of such rules, the state 64 board shall conduct a thorough review of the staffing 65 patterns in each county. Any personnel positions funded 66 as a result of a waiver granted under the provisions of 67 this subsection shall not be included in the computations set forth in sections four and five of this article. 68

§18-9A-6a. Teachers retirement fund allowance.

The total teachers retirement fund allowance shall be 1 2 the sum of the basic foundation allowance for professional educators and the basic foundation allowance for 3 service personnel, as provided in sections four and five 4 $\mathbf{5}$ of this article; all salary equity appropriations authorized in section five, article four of chapter eighteen-a; 6 $\overline{7}$ and such amounts as are to be paid by the counties 8 pursuant to sections five-a and five-b of said article to the extent such county salary supplements are equal to 9 10 the amount distributed for salary equity among the counties, multiplied by fifteen percent. 11

12The teachers retirement fund allowance amounts shall be accumulated in the employers accumulation fund of 13 14 the state teachers retirement system pursuant to section eighteen, article seven-a of this chapter, and shall be in 15lieu of the contribution required of employers pursuant 16 to subsection (b) of said section eighteen as to all 17personnel included in the allowance for state aid in 18 19 accordance with sections four and five of this article.

§18-9A-7. Foundation allowance for transportation cost.

1 The allowance in the foundation school program for 2 each county for transportation shall be the sum of the 3 following computations:

4 (1) Eighty percent of the transportation cost within 5 each county for maintenance, operation and related 6 costs, exclusive of all salaries;

7 (2) The total cost, within each county, of insurance
8 premiums on buses, buildings and equipment used in
9 transportation: *Provided*, That such premiums were
10 procured through competitive bidding;

(3) For the school year beginning the first day of July,
one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine and thereafter,
an amount equal to ten percent of the current replacement value of the bus fleet within each county as
determined by the state board, such amount to be used
only for the replacement of buses;

(4) Eighty percent of the cost of contracted transportation services and public utility transportation with
each county; and

20 (5) Aid in lieu of transportation equal to the state
21 average amount per pupil for each pupil receiving such
22 aid within each county.

The total state share for this purpose shall be the sum of the county shares: *Provided*, That no county shall receive an allowance which is greater than one third above the computed state average allowance per mile multiplied by the total mileage in the county.

18-9A-8. Foundation allowance for administrative cost.

1 The allowance for administrative cost shall be equal 2 to one and twenty-five one hundredths percent of the 3 allocation for professional educators, as determined in 4 section four of this article.

5 Distribution of the computed allowance shall be made 6 as follows:

7 (1) Fifty-six percent of the allowance shall be distrib-8 uted to the counties in equal amounts; and

9 (2) Forty-four percent of the allowance shall be distributed to the regional educational service agencies in accordance with rules adopted by the state board. The allowance for regional educational service agencies shall be excluded from the computation of total basic state aid as provided for in section twelve of this article.

§18-9A-9. Foundation allowance for other current expense and substitute employees.

1 The total allowance for other current expense and 2 substitute employees shall be the sum of the following:

3 (1) For current expense, for the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine-ninety only, ten percent of 4 5 the sum of the computed state allocation for professional educators and service personnel as determined in 6 $\overline{7}$ sections four and five of this article, and thereafter the 8 rate shall be ten and six-tenths percent. Distribution to the counties shall be made proportional to the average 9 10 of each county's average daily attendance for the 11 preceding year and the county's second month net 12 enrollment; plus

(2) For professional educator substitutes or current
expense, two and five-tenths percent of the computed
state allocation for professional educators as determined
in section four of this article. Distribution to the counties
shall be made proportional to the total county allocation
for professional educators; plus

(3) For service personnel substitutes or current
expense, two and five-tenths percent of the computed
state allocation for service personnel as determined in
section five of this article. Distribution to the counties
shall be made proportional to the total county allocation
for service personnel.

§18-9A-10. Foundation allowance to improve instructional programs.

1 (a) Commencing with the school year beginning on $\mathbf{2}$ the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-3 nine, and thereafter, twenty-eight million eight hundred 4 thousand dollars, in addition to funds which accrue from $\mathbf{5}$ allocations due to increase in total local share above that 6 computed for the school year beginning on the first day $\mathbf{7}$ of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, from 8 balances in the general school fund, or from appropri-9 ations for such purpose shall be allocated to increase 10 state support of counties as follows:

11 (1) Twenty percent of these funds shall be allocated 12 to the counties proportional to adjusted enrollment; and

(2) Each county whose allocation in subsection (1) is
less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars in any fiscal
year shall then receive an amount which equals the
difference between such amount received and one
hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(b) The remainder of these funds shall be allocated
according to the following plan for progress toward
basic resources per pupil equity:

21 Beginning with the county which has the lowest basic 22 resources per pupil and progressing through the 23 counties successively to and beyond the county with the 24 highest basic resources per pupil, the funds available 25 shall be allocated in amounts necessary to increase

moneys available to the county or counties to the basic $\mathbf{26}$ 27resources per pupil level, as nearly as is possible, of the county having the next higher basic resources per pupil: 28 29 Provided, That to be eligible for its allocation under this 30 section, a county board shall lay the maximum regular tax rates set out in section six-c, article eight, chapter 31 32 eleven of this code: Provided, however, That moneys 33 allocated by provision of this section shall be used to 34 improve instructional programs according to a plan for 35 instructional improvement which the affected county board shall file with the state board by the first day of 36 37August of each year, to be approved by the state board 38 by the first day of September of that year if such plan 39 substantially complies with standards to be adopted by the state board: Provided further, That no part of this 40 41 allocation may be used to employ professional educators 42 in counties until and unless all applicable provisions of 43 sections four and fourteen of this article have been fully 44 utilized. Such instructional improvement plan shall be 45 made available for distribution to the public at the office 46 of each affected county board.

47 (c) Commencing with the school year beginning on the 48 first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-49 eight, and thereafter, fifty percent of the funds which 50accrue due to an increase in local share above that 51computed for the school year beginning on the first day 52of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, shall 53be paid into the school building capital improvements 54 fund created by section six, article nine-d of this 55chapter, and shall be used solely for the purposes of said 56article nine-d.

57 (d) There shall be appropriated seven million four 58 hundred ten thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars for aid to counties which may be expended by the county 5960 boards for the initiation, and/or improvements of special 61 education programs including employment of new 62 special education professional personnel solely serving 63 exceptional children; instructional programs which 64 utilize state of the art technology; training of educa-65 tional personnel to work with exceptional children; and 66 supportive costs such as materials, transportation,

67 contracted services, minor renovations and other costs 68 directly related to the special education delivery process 69 prescribed by the state board. The appropriation may 70also be used for nonpersonnel costs associated with the 71 maintenance of special education programs in accor-72dance with such rules as established by the state board. 73 The appropriation includes out-of-state instruction and 74 may be expended to provide instruction, care and 75 maintenance for educable persons who are severely 76 handicapped and for whom the state provides no 77 facilities.

78 (e) There shall be appropriated two million one thousand seven hundred thirty-two dollars to be used by 79 80 the state department of education which may be 81 expended for the purposes of paying staff and operating costs of both administrative/program personnel and 82 83 instructional personnel delivering education to handi-84 capped children in facilities operated by the state 85 department of health; paying state department of education staff, current expenses and equipment; 86 87 supporting a gifted summer camp; and supporting 88 special state projects including but not limited to (1) an instructional materials center for visually handicapped 89 90 children at the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and 91 the Blind, (2) the state special olympics program, (3) the West Virginia advisory council for the education of 92 exceptional children at the West Virginia College of 93 94 Graduate of Studics, (4) statewide training activities or 95other programs benefiting exceptional children, and (5) 96 the state very special arts program.

§18-9A-13b. Allowances for remedial and accelerated education programs and salary equity.

For the fiscal years commencing on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight and eighty-nine, only, the total state appropriation for the basic foundation program shall be no less than the state appropriation for the fiscal year which began on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eightyseven.

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one thousand nine hundred eighty-eighty, and the school/ 9 10 beginning on the first day of July, one thousand nine 11 hundred eighty-nine, funds which accrue from alloca-12 tions due to changes in adjusted enrollment above that 13 computed for the school year beginning on the first day 14 of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, or 15from appropriations for such purpose, shall be allocated 16to increase state support for salary equity and to develop 17 and implement remedial and accelerated programs in 18 the following manner:

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Sixty percent of these funds shall be allocated for the
purpose of attaining salary equity among the counties
pursuant to section five, article four, chapter eighteena; and

23Forty percent of these funds shall be allocated to 24 implement remedial and accelerated programs as 25developed under guidelines of the state board: Provided, 26 That for the school year one thousand nine hundred 27 eighty-nine-ninety only, funds which accrue from 28 allocations due to changes in adjusted enrollment above 29 that computed for the school year beginning on the first 30day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, 31 shall be distributed for the purpose of achieving equity 32 within the state basic foundation program.

33 Commencing with the school year beginning on the $\mathbf{34}$ first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety, and 35 thereafter funds which accrue from allocations due to 36 changes in adjusted enrollment above that computed for 37 the school year beginning on the first day of July, one 38 thousand nine hundred eighty-seven, or from appropri-39 ations for such purpose, shall be allocated to increase state support for salary equity and to develop and 4041 implement remedial and accelerated programs in the 42 following manner:

Eighty percent of these funds shall be allocated for the
purpose of attaining salary equity among the counties
pursuant to section five, article four, chapter eighteena; and

47 Twenty percent of these funds shall be allocated to 48 implement remedial and accelerated programs as

49 developed under guidelines of the state board.

§18-9A-22. Standards for educational quality.

(a) The purpose of this section is to declare the intent 1 $\mathbf{2}$ of the Legislature to provide a thorough and efficient 3 system of education for West Virginia public school 4 students. High quality educational standards shall be 5 provided all public school students on an equal educa-6 tional opportunity basis. A system for the review of $\mathbf{7}$ county educational plans and the on-site reviews of 8 county educational programs shall provide assurances 9 that the high quality standards, established pursuant to 10 this section, are being met.

11 On or before January one, one thousand nine hundred 12 eighty-five, the state board of education shall establish 13 and adopt high quality educational standards and shall 14 provide each county board of education a copy thereof.

15 On or before July one, one thousand nine hundred 16 eighty-five, and each July one thereafter, each county 17 board of education shall file an annual specific program 18 plan with the state department of education. The 19 program plan shall, at a minimum, meet the statewide 12 high quality educational standards as established by the 23 state board of education.

22 The purpose of the program plan is to allow county 23 boards of education flexibility in developing school 24 improvement programs structured around locally 25identified needs, but in compliance with the high quality 26standards adopted by the state board of education. High 27quality standards must be met in curriculum, finance, 28 transportation, special education, facilities, textbooks, 29 personnel qualifications and other such areas as determined by the state board of education. 30

The state department of education shall review the plans annually and conduct an on-site review of each county's educational program every fourth year. The state board of education shall have authority to issue four types of recognition status: (1) full approval, (2) substantial approval, (3) probationary and (4) nonapproval.

Full approval status may be granted to a county board of education whose educational program has undergone an on-site evaluation by representatives of the state department of education and has met the high quality standards adopted by the state board of education. Full approval status shall be for a period not to exceed four years.

45 Substantial approval status may be granted to a county board of education whose educational program 46 47 has satisfied all conditions identified under full approval 48 status, with the exception of an on-site review, or all 49 conditions identified under full approval have been 50 satisfied except that one or more of the high quality 51 standards have not been met but will be attained within 52one year, as described in an acceptable plan of action.

53 Probationary status is given to a county board of 54 education whose educational program has not met the high quality standards. Probationary status is a warn-55ing that the county board of education must make 56 specified improvements. If progress is not made toward 5758 meeting the high quality standards during the succeed-59 ing year, the county board of education is automatically 60 placed on nonapproval status.

61 Nonapproval status is given to a county board of 62 education which fails to submit an annual program 63 plan, fails to give evidence of meeting the high quality 64 standards or has not demonstrated a reasonable effort 65 to meet such standards.

(b) After the thirty-first day of December, one
thousand nine hundred eighty-eight, the approval of
educational programs based on high quality educational
standards established by the state board shall be in
accordance with the provisions of article two-e of this
chapter and the provisions of this section shall expire.

ARTICLE 20. EDUCATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN.

§18-20-1. Establishment of special programs and teaching services for exceptional children.

1 In accordance with the following provisions, county

2 boards of education throughout the state shall establish 3 and maintain for all exceptional children between five 4 and twenty-three years of age special educational programs, including, but not limited to, special schools, $\mathbf{5}$ 6 classes, regular classroom programs, home-teaching or 7 visiting-teacher services for any type or classification as 8 the state board shall approve. Provisions shall be made 9 for educating exceptional children (including the 10 handicapped and the gifted) who differ from the average or normal in physical, mental or emotional 11 12 characteristics, or in communicative or intellectual 13 deviation characteristics, or in both communicative and 14 intellectual deviation characteristics, to the extent that 15 they cannot be educated safely or profitably in the 16regular classes of the public schools or to the extent that 17 they need special educational provisions within the 18 regular classroom in order to educate them in accor-19 dance with their capacities, limitations and needs: 20 Provided, That commencing with the school year 21 beginning on the first day of July, one thousand nine 22 hundred ninety, provisions shall be made for educating 23 exceptional children, including the handicapped, the 24 gifted in grades one through eight, the pupils enrolled 25 on the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 26 eighty-nine in the gifted program in grades nine 27 through twelve and the exceptional gifted in grades nine 28 through twelve. The term "exceptional gifted" means 29 those students in grades nine through twelve identified 30 as gifted and at least one of the following: behavior 31disorder, specific learning disabilities, psychological 32adjustment disorder, underachieving, or economically 33 disadvantaged. Exceptional gifted children shall be 34 referred for identification pursuant to recommendation 35by a school psychologist, school counselor, principal, 36 teacher, parent or by self-referral, at which time the 37 placement process, including development of an individ-38 ualized education program, and attendant due process 39 rights, shall commence. Exceptional gifted children, for 40 purposes of calculating adjusted enrollment pursuant to 41 section two, article nine-a of this chapter, shall not 42exceed one percent of net enrollment in grades nine 43 through twelve. Nothing herein shall be construed to

44 limit the number of students identified as exceptional 45 gifted and who receive appropriate services. Each county board of education is mandated to provide gifted 46 education to its students according to guidelines 47 promulgated by the state board and consistent with the 48 49 provisions of this chapter. Upon the recommendation of 50a principal, counselor, teacher and parent, a student who does not meet the gifted eligibility criteria may 51 participate in any school program deemed appropriate 52for the student provided that clasroom space is availa-53ble. In addition, county boards of education may 5455 establish and maintain other educational services for exceptional children as the state superintendent of 5657schools may approve.

58By the school year beginning on the first day of July, 59 one thousand nine hundred seventy-four, county boards 60 of education shall establish and maintain these special 61 educational programs, including, but not limited to, 62 special schools, classes, regular class programs, home-63 teaching and visiting-teacher services. After the first 64 day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-three, the 65 special education programs shall include home-teaching 66 or visiting-teacher services for children who are 67 homebound due to injury or who for any other reason as certified by a licensed physician are homebound for 68 69 a period that has lasted or will last more than three 70weeks: Provided, That pupils receiving such homebound or visiting-teacher services shall not be included when 7172computing adjusted enrollment as defined in section 73 two, article nine-a, chapter eightcen of this code. The 74 state board shall adopt rules and regulations to advance 75 and accomplish this program and to assure that all 76 exceptional children in the state, including children in 77 mental health facilities, residential institutions and private schools, will receive an education in accordance 78 79 with the mandates of state and federal laws.

80 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent 81 county boards of education from providing special 82 educational programs, including, but not limited to, 83 special schools, classes, regular class programs, home-84 teaching or visiting-teacher services for such excep-

85 tional children who are three years of age or older.

§18-20-9. Gifted education caseload review.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, to 1 $\mathbf{2}$ the contrary, the teacher-student ratio for gifted, honors, 3 and advanced placement education in grades nine 4 through twelve shall be the same as regular classroom education and not as required for special education of 5 6 exceptional children: Provided, That this shall not apply $\mathbf{7}$ to education of exceptional gifted, as defined in section one, article twenty of this chapter. The state board shall 8 9 review class sizes and enrollment percentages of students in gifted, exceptional gifted, honors, and 10 advanced placement programs in grades nine through 11 twelve and report its findings to the standing education 1213 committees of the Senate and House of Delegates by the tenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-14 15 one.

CHAPTER 18A. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

ARTICLE 4. SALARIES, WAGES, AND OTHER BENEFITS.

§18A-4-1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, salaries shall be 1 2 defined as: (a) "Basic salaries" which shall mean the 3 salaries paid to teachers with zero years of experience 4 and in accordance with the classification of certification $\mathbf{5}$ and of training of said teachers; and (b) "advanced 6 salaries" which shall mean the basic salary plus an $\mathbf{7}$ experience increment based on the allowable years of 8 experience of the respective teachers in accordance with 9 the schedule established herein for the applicable 10 classification of certification and of training of said 11 teachers.

12 "Classification of certification" means the class or type 13 of certificate issued by the state superintendent of 14 schools under the statutory provisions of this chapter. 15 "Classification of training" means the number of 16 collegiate or graduate hours necessary to meet the 17 requirements stipulated in the definitions set forth in 18 the next paragraph in items (2) to (10) inclusive.

19 The column heads of the state minimum salary 20 schedule set forth in section two of this article are 21 defined as follows:

(1) "Years of experience" means the number of years 22 23the teacher has been employed in the teaching profes-24 sion, including active work in educational positions 25other than the public schools, and service in the armed forces of the United States if the teacher were under 2627 contract to teach at the time of induction. For a $\mathbf{28}$ registered professional nurse employed by a county 29board of education, "years of experience" means the 30 number of years the nurse has been employed as a 31public school health nurse, including active work in a 32nursing position related to education, and service in the 33 armed forces if the nurse was under contract with the county board at the time of induction. For the purpose 34 of section two of this article, the experience of a teacher 35 36 or a nurse shall be limited to that allowed under their 37 training classification as found in the minimum salary 38 schedule.

39 (2) "Fourth class" means all certificates previously
40 identified as (a) "certificates secured by examination,"
41 and (b) "other first grade certificates."

42 (3) "Third class" means all certificates previously
43 identified as (a) "standard normal certificates" and (b)
44 "third class temporary (sixty-four semester hours)
45 certificates."

46 (4) "Second class" means all certificates previously
47 identified as "second class temporary certificates based
48 upon the required ninety-six hours of college work."

(5) "A.B." means a bachelor's degree. from an accre-49 50dited institution of higher education, which has been 51 issued to, or for which the requirements for such have 52been met by, a person who qualifies for or holds a 53 professional certificate or its equivalent. A registered professional nurse with a bachelor's degree, who is 54 55 licensed by the West Virginia board of examiners for 56registered professional nurses and employed by a county board of education, shall be within this classification for 57 58payment in accordance with sections two and two-a of 59 this article.

60 (6) "A.B. plus 15" means a bachelor's degree as 61 defined above plus fifteen hours of graduate work, from 62 an accredited institution of higher education certified to 63 do graduate work, in an approved planned program at 64 the graduate level which requirements have been met 65 by a person who qualifies for or holds a professional 66 certificate or its equivalent.

67 (7) "M. A." means a master's degree, earned in an
68 institution of higher education approved to do graduate
69 work, which has been issued to, or the requirements for
70 such have been met by, a person who qualifies for or
71 holds a professional certificate or its equivalent.

(8) "M. A, plus 15" means the above-defined master's
degree plus fifteen hours of graduate work, earned in
an institution of higher education approved to do
graduate work, if the person is qualified for or holds a
professional certificate or its equivalent.

(9) "M. A. plus 30" means the above-defined master's
degree plus thirty graduate hours, earned in an
institution approved to do graduate work, if the person
is qualified for or holds a professional certificate or its
equivalent.

82 (10) "Doctorate" means a doctor's degree, earned from
83 a university qualified and approved to confer such a
84 degree, which has been issued to or the requirements for
85 such have been met by a person who qualifies for or
86 holds a professional certificate or its equivalent.

87 Notwithstanding the requirements set forth in subdi-88 visions (6), (8) and (9) of this section relating to hours 89 of graduate work at an institution certified to do such 90 work, fifteen undergraduate credit hours from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, 91 92 earned after the effective date of this section, may be 93 utilized for advanced salary classification if such hours 94 are in accordance with (a) the teacher's current 95 classification of certification and of training, (b) a 96 designated instructional shortage area documented by 97 the employing county superintendent, or (c) an identi-

98 fied teaching deficiency documented through the state99 approved county personnel evaluation system.

100Any professional educator earning a master's degree shall be entitled to any "MA" classifications of training 101 102for purposes of compensation pursuant to the provisions 103 of the in-field master's salary schedule set forth in section two of this article only if a minimum of two-104 105 thirds of the course work for such degree is in the field 106 in which the professional educator holds certification 107 and is employed: Provided, That the classroom teacher 108who holds multiple certifications or a certification in 109 elementary education and has obtained an in-field 110 master's in one of those certification areas shall be 111 compensated at the level commensurate with the in-field 112 provisions.

113 Upon request for a specific master's degree program, 114 the appropriate governing board of higher education 115shall provide all of the course work needed to obtain a master's degree in the requested program. The course 116 117 work for such program shall be initiated no later than 118 two years from the date requested and shall be provided 119 in its entirety within each regional educational service 120 agency area in which the request has been made as 121 follows: (1) via satellite instruction; (2) via public 122 television home instruction; or (3) in a manner pres-123cribed by such governing board. If a governing board 124fails to initiate the course work within the above time 125period, an individual shall be compensated at the appropriate level of years of experience on the in-field 126127master's salary schedule whenever the individual has 128 obtained any master's degree related to the public school 129 program.

130 The governing boards of higher education shall 131 develop a plan to provide "MA" classification programs 132 to professional educators throughout this state by the 133 first day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-134 one with the objective being to provide course work 135 enabling professional educators to achieve an "MA" 136 degree classification in their teaching field.

§18A-4-2. State minimum salaries for teachers.

1	ST.	ATE MI	NIMUN	[SALA	RY SCH	HEDUL	ΕI
2	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
3	Years	4th	3rd	2nd		A.B.	
4	Exp.	Class	Class	Class	A.B.	+15	M.A.
5	0	11,253	11,860	12,103	13,255	13,955	14,655
6	1	11,459	12,066	12,309	13,636	14,336	15,036
7	2	11,665	12,272	12,515	14,017	14,717	15,417
8	3	11,871	12,478	12,721	14,398	15,098	15,798
9	4	12,302	12,909	13,152	15,004	15,704	16,404
10	5	12,508	13,115	13,358	15,385	16,085	16,785
11	6	12,714	13,321	13,564	15,766	16,466	17,166
12	7		13,527	13,770	16,147	16,847	17,547
13	8		13,733	13,976	16,528	17,228	17,928
14	9			14,182	16,909	17,609	18,309
15	10			14,388	17,290	17,990	18,690
16	11				17,671	18,371	19,071
17	12				18,052	18,752	19,452
18	13				18,433	19,133	19,833
19	14						20,214
20	15						20,595
21	16						20,976
22	17						
23	18						
24	19						
25					(8)	(9)	(10)
26	Years				M.A.	M.A.	Doc-
27	Exp.				+15	+30	torate
28	0				15,355	16,055	16,755
29	1				15,736	16,436	17,136
30	2				16,117	16,817	17,517
31	3				16,498	17,198	17,898
32	4				17,104	17,804	18,504
33	5				17,485	18,185	18,885
34	6				17,866	18,566	19,266
35	7				18,247	18,947	19,647
36	8				18,628	19,328	20,028
37	9				19,009	19,709	20,409
38	10				19,390	20,090	20,790
39	11				19,771	20,471	21,171
40	12				20,152	20,852	21,552

41	13				20,533	21,233	21,933
42	14				20,914	21,614	22,314
43	15				21,295	21,995	22,695
44	16				21,676	22,376	23,076
45	17					22,757	23,457
46	18					23,138	23,838
47	19					23,519	24,219
48	STA	TE MI	NIMUM	[SALA]	RY SCH	EDULE	E II
49	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
50	Years	4th	3rd	2nd		A.B.	
51	Exp.	Class	Class	Class	A.B.	+15	M.A.
52	0	11,816	12,453	12,708	13,918	14,653	15,388
53	1	12,032	12,669	12,924	14,318	15,053	15,788
54	2	12,248	12,886	13,141	14,718	15,453	16,188
55	3	12,465	13,102	13,357	15,118	15,853	16,588
56	4	12,917	13,554	13,810	15,754	16,489	17,224
57	5	13,133	13,771	14,026	16,154	16,889	17,624
58	6	13,350	13,987	14,242	16,554	17,289	18,024
59	7		14,203	14,459	16,954	17,689	18,424
60	8		14,420	14,675	17,354	18,089	18,824
61	9			14,891	17,754	18,489	19,224
62	10			15,107	18,155	18,890	19,625
63	11				18,555	19,290	20,025
64	12				18,955	19,690	20,425
65	13				19,355	20,090	20,825
66	14						21,225
67	15						21,625
68	16						22,025
69	17						
70	18						
71	19						
72					(8)	(9)	(10)
73	Years				M.A.	M.A.	Doc-
74	Exp.				+15	+30	torate
75	0				16,123	16,858	17,593
76	1				16,523	17,258	17,993
77	2				16,923	17,658	18,393
78	3				17,323	18,058	18,393
79	4				17,959	18,694	19,429
80	4 5				18,359	19,094	19,429
00	U				10,003	10,004	10,040

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81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 88 89	6 7 9 10 11 12 13 14				18,759 19,159 19,559 20,360 20,760 21,160 21,560 21,960	19,494 19,894 20,294 20,694 21,095 21,495 21,895 22,295 22,295 22,695	20,229 20,629 21,029 21,429 21,830 22,230 22,630 23,030 23,030
90	15				22,360	23,095	23,830
91	16				22,760	23,495 23,895	24,230
92 93	17 18					24,295	24,630 25,030
93 94	18					24,295	25,430
94							
95	STATE	IN-FIE	LD MAS	STER'S	SALAR	Y SCHI	EDULE
96	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)			
97	Years		M.A.	M.A.			
98	of Exp.	M.A.	+15	+30			
99	0	16,388	17,123	17,858			
100	1	16,788	17,523	18,258			
101	2	17,188	17,923	18,658			
102	3	17,588	18,323	19,058			
103	4	18,224	18,959	19,694			
104	5	18,624	19,359	20,094			
105	6	19,024	19,759	20,494			
106	7	19,424	20,159	20,894			
107	8	19,824	20,559	21,294			
108	9	20,224	20,959	21,694			
109	10	20,625	21,360	22,095			
110	11	21,025	21,760	22,495			
111	12	21,425	22,160	22,895			
112	13	21,825	22,560	23,295			
113	14	22,225	22,960	23,695			
114	15	22,625	23,360	24,095			
115	16	23,025	23,760	24,495			
116	17			24,895			
117	18			25,295			
118	19			25,695			
119 120 121	On and hundred field ma	ninety-	four, eac	ch teach	er who	has met	

this article shall receive the amount prescribed in the
"state in-field master's salary schedule" in lieu of the
"state minimum salary schedule II" and any other
compensation otherwise provided for in this section.

126 On and after the first day of July, one thousand nine 127hundred eighty-six, each teacher shall receive the 128amount prescribed in the "state minimum salary 129 schedule I" as set forth in this section, specific additional amounts prescribed in this section or article, and any 130county supplement in effect in a county pursuant to 131132section five-a of this article during the contract year: 133Provided, That on and after the first day of the second 134half of the teacher's employment term in the school year 135one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine-ninety, each teacher shall receive the amount prescribed in the "state 136137 minimum salary schedule II" as set forth in this section, 138 specific additional amounts prescribed in this section or 139 article, and any county supplement in effect in a county 140pursuant to section five-a of this article during the 141 contract year.

142 Six hundred dollars shall be paid annually to each 143 classroom teacher who has at least twenty years of 144 teaching experience. Such payments shall be in addition 145 to any amounts prescribed in the "state minimum salary 146 schedule," shall be paid in equal monthly installments, 147 and shall be deemed a part of the state minimum 148 salaries for teachers.

§18A-4-5a. County salary supplements for teachers.

County boards of education in fixing the salaries of 1 $\mathbf{2}$ teachers shall use at least the state minimum salaries 3 established under the provisions of this article. The 4 board may establish salary schedules which shall be in 5 excess of the state minimums fixed by this article, such 6 county schedules to be uniform throughout the county 7 as to the above stipulated training classifications, 8 experience, responsibility and other requirements, 9 except that no such county schedule may exceed one 10 hundred two and one-half percent of a schedule which 11 incorporates the state minimum salary for teachers in 12 effect on the first day of July, one thousand nine

hundred eighty-four, and adopts a supplement which 13 14 equals the highest supplement provided by a county on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred 15eighty-four, so as to assist the state in meeting its 16 17 objective of salary equity among the counties: Provided, 18 That all teachers in the state shall be entitled to any 19 increases in the minimum salary schedules established 20 under the provisions of this article, and when a county 21 schedule changes due to said increase in the state 22 minimum salary taking effect after the first day of July, 23 one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, it shall not be 24 deemed to exceed the maximum salary schedule pres-25 cribed herein.

26 Counties may fix higher salaries for teachers placed 27 in special instructional assignments, for those assigned 28to or employed for duties other than regular instruc-29 tional duties, and for teachers of one-teacher schools, 30 and they may provide additional compensation for any 31teacher assigned duties in addition to the teacher's 32 regular instructional duties wherein such noninstruc-33 tional duties are not a part of the scheduled hours of the 34 regular school day. Uniformity also shall apply to such 35 additional salary increments or compensation for all 36 persons performing like assignments and duties within 37 the county: Provided, That in establishing such local 38 salary schedules, no county shall reduce local funds 39 allocated for salaries in effect on the first day of 40 January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, and 41 used in supplementing the state minimum salaries as 42 provided for in this article, unless forced to do so by 43 defeat of a special levy, or a loss in assessed values or 44 events over which it has no control and for which the 45 county board has received approval from the state board 46 prior to making such reduction.

47 Counties may provide, in a uniform manner, benefits 48 for teachers which require an appropriation from local 49 funds including, but not limited to, dental, optical, 50 health and income protection insurance, vacation time 51 and retirement plans excluding the state teachers 52 retirement system. Nothing herein shall prohibit the 53 maintenance nor result in the reduction of any benefits

54 in effect on January one, one thousand nine hundred 55 eighty-four, by any county board of education.

56 To further assist the state in meeting such objective, 57each county board of education shall provide to the state board of education on or before the first day of 58 59November, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, such information as the state board directs to assist the state 60 61 superintendent of schools in preparing a report to be submitted to the Legislature on the first day of the 6263 regular session thereof in the year one thousand nine 64 hundred ninety. Such report shall include findings, conclusions and recommendations with respect to 65 66 benefits provided and meeting the objective of benefit 67 equity among the counties.

§18A-4-5b. County salary supplements for school service personnel.

1 The county board of education may establish salary 2 schedules which shall be in excess of the state min-3 imums fixed by this article, except that no such schedule 4 may exceed one hundred two and one-half percent of a 5 schedule which incorporates the state minimum salary 6 for school service personnel in effect on the first day of 7 July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, and adopts 8 a monthly supplement of two hundred and five dollars 9 for zero years of experience for all pay grades and which 10increases said monthly supplement by two dollars for 11 each year of experience codified for school service 12personnel in this article, so as to assist the state in 13meeting its objective of salary equity among the 14 counties: Provided, That all school service personnel in 15 the state shall be entitled to any increases in the 16 minimum salary for school service personnel established 17 under the provisions of this article, and when a county 18 schedule changes due to said increase in the state 19 minimum salary taking effect after the first day of July, 20 one thousand nine hundred eighty-four, it shall not be 21 deemed to exceed the maximum salary schedule pres-22 cribed herein. Any county supplement for any position 23which, on the first day of January, one thousand nine 24 hundred eighty-four, extends the schedule beyond the 25maximum prescribed herein for such position shall be exempt from the maximums stated herein, subject to the
approval of the state board, but no such supplement
shall be increased beyond the amount received on the
first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eightyfour.

31 These county schedules shall be uniform throughout 32 the county with regard to any training classification, 33 experience, years of employment, responsibility, duties, 34 pupil participation, pupil enrollment, size of buildings, 35operation of equipment or other requirements. Further, 36 uniformity shall apply to all salaries, rates of pay, 37 benefits, increments or compensation for all persons 38 regularly employed and performing like assignments 39 and duties within the county: Provided, That in establishing such local salary schedules, no county shall 40 reduce local funds allocated for salaries in effect on the 41 42 first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-43 four, and used in supplementing the state minimum 44 salaries as provided for in this article, unless forced to do so by defeat of a special levy, or a loss in assessed 45 values or events over which it has no control and for 46 47 which the county board has received approval from the state board prior to making such reduction. 48

49 Counties may provide, in a uniform manner, benefits 50for service personnel which require an appropriation 51 from local funds including, but not limited to, dental, 52optical, health and income protection insurance, vaca-53tion time and retirement plans excluding the state teachers retirement system. Nothing hercin shall 5455 prohibit the maintenance nor result in the reduction of 56 any benefits in effect on January one, one thousand nine 57 hundred eighty-four, by any county board of education.

58To further assist the state in meeting such objective. 59each county board of education shall provide to the state 60 board of education on or before the first day of 61 November, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine, such 62information as the state board directs to assist the state 63 superintendent of schools in preparing a report to be 64 submitted to the Legislature on the first day of the regular session thereof in the year one thousand ninc 65 66 hundred ninety. Such report shall include findings,

67 conclusions, and recommendations with respect to
68 benefits provided and meeting the objective of benefit
69 equity among the counties.

§18A-4-5c. Equity appropriation from surplus revenues.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section five of this 1 2 article, any moneys appropriated and expended for 3 equity that are in addition to such amounts as were expended for such purpose prior to the effective date of 4 5 this section shall be apportioned between teachers and 6 school service personnel in such proportion as necessary 7 to align more closely teachers and school service 8 personnel with their counterparts in the contiguous 9 states: Provided, That an adequate amount of such funds shall be reserved to finance the appropriate foundation 10 allowances and staffing incentives provided for in 11 12 article nine-a of chapter eighteen.

13 The state board shall collect information annually 14 from contiguous states for the purpose of making a 15 thorough and comprehensive comparison of West 16 Virginia school service personnel salaries to those in 17 surrounding states, which shall be used as a guide to 18 align more closely teachers and school service personnel 19 with their counterparts in the contiguous states.

§18A-4-8a. Service personnel minimum monthly salaries.

20 STATE MINIMUM PAY SCALE PAY GRADE I

$\frac{21}{22}$	Years of Employ-		,						
23	ment	A	B	С	D	E	F	G	н
24	0	822	842	882	932	982	1,042	1,072	1,142
25	1	842	862	902	952	1,002	1,062	1,092	1,162
26	2	862	882	922	972	1,022	1,082	1 ,112	1,182
27	3	882	902	942	992	1,042	1,102	1,132	1,202
28	4	902	922	962	1,012	1,062	1,122	1,152	1,222
29	5	922	942	982	1,032	1,082	1,142	1,172	1,242
30	6	942	962	1,002	1,052	1,102	1,162	1,192	1,262
31	7	962	982	1,022	1,072	1,122	1,182	1,212	1,282
32	8	982	1,002	1,042	1,092	1,142	1,202	1,232	1,302
33	9	1,002	1,022	1,062	1,112	1,162	1,222	1,252	1,322
34	10	1,022	1,042	1,082	1,132	1,182	1,242	1,272	1,342
35	11	1,042	1,062	1,102	1,152	1,202	1,262	1,292	1,362

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36	12	1,062	1,082	1,122	1,172	1,222	1,282	1,312	1,382
37	13	1,082	1,102	1,142	1,192	1,242	1,302	1,332	1,402
38	14	1,102	1,122	1,162	1,212	1,262	1,322	1,352	1,422
39	15	1,122	1,142	1,182	1,232	1,282	1,342	1,372	1,442
40	16	1,142	1,162	1,202	1,252	1,302	1,362	1,392	1,462
41	17	1,162	1,182	1,222	1,272	1,322	1,382	1,412	1,482
42	18	1,182	1,202	1,242	1,292	1,342	1,402	1,432	1,502
43	19	1,202	1,222	1,262	1,312	1,362	1,422	1,452	1,522
44	20	1,222	1,242	1,282	1,332	1,382	1,442	1,472	1,542
45	21	1,242	1,262	1,302	1,352	1,402	1,462	1,492	1,562
46	22	1,262	1,282	1,322	1,372	1,422	1,482	1,512	1,582
47	23	1,282	1,302	1,342	1,892	1,442	1,502	1,532	1,602
48	24	1,302	1,322	1,362	1,412	1,462	1,522	1,552	1,622
49	25	1,322	1,342	1,382	1,432	1,482	1,542	1,572	1,642
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56	2	893	913	953	1,003	1,053	1,113	1,143	1,213
57	3	915	935	975	1,025	1,075	1,135	1,165	1,235
58	4	937	957	997	1,047	1,097	1,157	1,187	1,257
59	5	959	979	1,019	1,069	1,119	1,179	1,209	1,279
60	6	981	1,001	1,041	1,091	1,141	1,201	1,231	1,301
61	7	1,003	1,023	1,063	1,113	1,163	1,223	1,253	1,323
62	8	1,025	1,045	1,085	1,135	1,185	1,245	1,275	1,345
63	9	1,049	1,067	1,107	1,157	1,207	1,267	1,297	1,367
64	10	1,069	1,089	1,129	1,179	1,229	1,289	1,319	1,389
65	11	1,091	1,111	1,151	1,201	1,251	1,311	1,341	1,411
66	12	1,113	1,133	1,173	1,223	1,273	1,333	1,363	1,433
67	13	1,135	1,155	1,195	1,245	1,295	1,355	1,385	1,455
68	14	1,157	1,177	1,217	1,267	1,317	1,377	1,407	1,477
69	15	1,179	1,199	1,239	1,289	1,339	1,399	1,429	1,499
70	16	1,201	1,221	1,261	1,311	1,361	1,421	1,451	1,521
71	17	1,223	1,243	1,283	1,333	1,383	1,443	1,478	1,543
72	18	1,245	1,265	1,305	1,355	1,405	1,465	1,495	1,565
73	19	1,267	1,287	1,327	1,377	1,427	1,487	1,517	1,587
74	20	1,289	1,309	1,349	1,399	1,449	1,509	1,539	1,609
75	21	1,311	1,331	1,371	1,421	1,471	1,531	1,561	1,631
76	22	1,333	1,353	1,393	1,443	1,493	1,558	1,583	1,653
77	23	1,355	1,375	1,415	1,465	1,515	1,575	1,605	1,675

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78	24	1,377	1,897	1,437	1,487	1,537	1,597	1,627	1,697
79	25	1,399	1,419	1,459	1,509	1,559	1,619	1,649	1,719
80	26	1,421	1,441	1,481	1,531	1,581	1,641	1,671	1,741
81	27	1,443	1,463	1,503	1,553	1,603	1,663	1,693	1,763
82	28	1,465	1,485	1,525	1,575	1,625	1,685	1,715	1,785
83	29	1,487	1,507	1.547	1,597	1,647	1,707	1,737	1,807
84	30	1,509	1,529	1.569	1,619	1,669	1,729	1,759	1,829
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127	HandymanB
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130	Heavy Equipment OperatorE
131	Inventory SupervisorD
132	Key Punch OperatorB
133	Locksmith
134	Lubrication ManC
135	MachinistF
136	Mail ClerkD
137	Maintenance ClerkC
138	MasonG
139	MechanicF
140	Mechanic AssistantE
141	Office Equipment Repairman IF
142	Office Equipment Repairman IIG
143	PainterE
144	Plumber IE
145	Plumber IIG
146	Printing OperatorB
147	Printing SupervisorD
148	Programmer
149	Roofing/Sheet Metal MechanicF
150	Sanitation Plant OperatorF
151	School Bus SupervisorE
152	Secretary ID
153	Secretary IIE
154	Secretary IIIF
155	Supervisor of Maintenance
156	Supervisor of Transportation
157	Switchboard Operator-Receptionist
158	Truck DriverD
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161 WelderF 162 On and after the first day of July, one thousand nine 163 hundred eighty-nine the minimum monthly pay for each 164 scrvice employee whose employment is for a period of 165 more than three and one-half hours a day shall be at 166 least the amounts indicated in the "state minimum pay 167 scale pay grade I" as set forth in this section, and the 168 minimum monthly pay for each service employee whose 169 employment is for a period of three and one-half hours 170or less a day shall be at least one half the amount 171 indicated in the "state minimum pay scale pay grade I" 172set forth in this section: Provided, That beginning on the 173 first day of the second half of the employment term in 174 the school year one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine— 175ninety, and thereafter, "state minimum pay scale pay grade II" shall replace "state minimum pay scale pay 176 177 grade I", and an additional ten dollars per month shall 178 be added to the minimum monthly pay if the service 179 employee holds a high school diploma or its equivalent. 180 Any service employee required to work on any legal

180 Any service employee required to work on any legal 181 school holiday shall be paid at a rate one and one-half 182 times such employee's usual hourly rate.

183 Any full-time service personnel required to work in 184 excess of their normal working day during any week 185 which contains a school holiday for which they are paid 186 shall be paid for such additional hours or fraction 187 thereof at a rate of one and one-half times their usual 188 hourly rate and paid entirely from county board of 189 education funds.

No service employee shall have his or her daily work
schedule changed during the school year without such
cmployee's written consent, and such employee's required daily work hours shall not be changed to prevent
the payment of time and one-half wages or the employment of another employee.

196 The minimum pay for extra-duty assignments as 197 defined in section eight-b of this article shall be no less 198 than one-seventh of the employee's daily total salary for 199 each hour the employee is involved in performing the 200 assignment and paid entirely from local funds. The 201 salary for any fraction of an hour the employee is 202 involved in performing the assignment shall be pro-203 rated accordingly. When performing extra-duty assign-204 ments, employees who are regularly employed on a one-205 half day salary basis shall receive the same hourly 206 extra-duty assignment pay computed as though such an 207 employee were employed on a full-day salary basis.

§18A-4-8d. Consolidation of services and seniority rights for administrative personnel.

1 Where two or more counties join together to share the 2 services of central office administrative personnel, any 3 employee whose services are no longer needed by virtue 4 of such sharing may have his or her contract terminated 5 for lack of need, as provided in sections two and six, 6 article two of this chapter, notwithstanding any provi- $\mathbf{7}$ sion of this code to the contrary. Any employee whose 8 contract is so terminated shall be afforded all rights pursuant to section eight-b of this article. 9

James Timber

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

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