WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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Com. Sub. for
HOUSE BILL No. 2616

(By Rep. Whitt & Reid)

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Passed April 8, 1989

In Effect July 1, 1989
AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine, article two, chapter eighteen-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to school principals; providing for the assignment of principals to each school; and restricting the assignment of teaching duties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 2. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.


1 Upon the recommendation of the county superintendent of schools, the county board of education shall employ and assign, through written contract, public school principals who shall supervise the management and the operation of the school or schools to which they are assigned. Such principals shall hold valid administrative certificates appropriate for their assignments.

2 Under the supervision of the superintendent and in
accordance with the rules and regulations of the county board of education, the principal shall assume administrative and instructional supervisory responsibility for the planning, management, operation and evaluation of the total educational program of the school or schools to which he is assigned.

The principal may submit recommendations to the superintendent regarding the appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer and dismissal of all personnel assigned to the school or schools under said principal's control. Such recommendation shall be submitted in writing as prescribed by the superintendent.

The principal shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the superintendent pursuant to the rules and regulations of the county board of education.

Upon recommendation of the county superintendent of schools, the county board of education shall, when needed, employ and assign, through written contract, assistant principals who shall work under the direction of the school principal. Such assistant principals shall hold valid administrative certificates appropriate for their assignments.

On or before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine and continuing thereafter, each county board of education shall assign a certificated principal to each school and no principal may be assigned more than two schools: Provided, That where enrollment exceeds four hundred students there will be no additional schools assigned to that principal.

No principal assigned to more than one school may be assigned any teaching duties except on a temporary emergency basis. No county shall have more teaching principalships or multi-school principalships than was present on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight.

On or before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-three and continuing thereafter, each county board of education shall employ a full-time supervising principal at each school whose net enrol-
lement equals or exceeds one hundred seventy students. A principal assigned to a school with a net enrollment equal to or greater than one hundred seventy students may not be assigned any teaching duties except on a temporary emergency basis. When a principal is assigned on a full-time basis to a school whose net enrollment is more than seventy-five students but less than one hundred seventy students, such principal shall have a minimum of twenty hours per week for nonteaching duties. A principal assigned on a full-time basis to a school with seventy-five students or less shall have a minimum of ten hours per week for nonteaching duties. 

Provided, That nothing in this section prohibits a county board of education from assigning a full-time supervising principal to a school with a net enrollment of less than one hundred seventy students.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to reduce or limit the rights and privileges of principals and assistant principals as teachers under the provisions of section one, article one, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia as amended; section one, article one, chapter eighteen-a; and other provisions of this code: 

Provided, That on or before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-three, the state board of education shall not deny a county board of education the right to place a principal in a school with less than one hundred seventy students.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Frederick L. Brake
Chairman Senate Committee

J. J. Settle
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1989.

Jude L. Wells
Clerk of the Senate

Donald J. Nagle
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Sam R. Toney
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within .......... is approved .......... this the 27th day of April .........., 1989.

Winston Caperton
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
Date 4/30/69
Time 10:25