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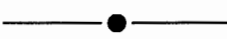
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AN ACT to amend article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirteen, relating to public education; state board of education; integrating character education into the public school curriculum; evaluation and report; and funding.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirteen, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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AIMS §18-2-13. Character education integration.
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1 (a) The state board shall establish a comprehensive ap-
2 proach to integrate character education into all aspects of school
3 culture, school functions and existing curriculum.

4 (b) The state board shall require all public schools that
5 operate from preschool to grade twelve to develop and integrate
6 components of character development into their existing
7 curriculum. The schools may incorporate such programs as “life
8 skills”, “responsible students”, or any other program encom-
9 passing any of the following components:

- 10 (1) Honesty;
- 11 (2) Caring;
- 12 (3) Citizenship;
- 13 (4) Justice;
- 14 (5) Fairness;
- 15 (6) Respect;
- 16 (7) Responsibility;
- 17 (8) Voting;
- 18 (9) Academic achievement;
- 19 (10) Completing homework assignments;
- 20 (11) Improving daily attendance;
- 21 (12) Avoiding and resolving conflicts;
- 22 (13) Alternatives to violence;

23 (14) Contributing to an orderly positive school environ-
24 ment;

25 (15) Participating in class;

26 (16) Resisting social peer pressures to smoke, drink and use
27 drugs;

28 (17) Developing greater self-esteem and self-confidence;

29 (18) Effectively coping with social anxiety;

30 (19) Increasing knowledge of the immediate consequences
31 of substance abuse;

32 (20) Increasing knowledge of the consequences of ones
33 actions;

34 (21) The corrupting influence and chance nature of gam-
35 bling; and

36 (22) The value of decent, honest work.

37 (c) Character education shall be integrated into each public
38 school curriculum by the first day of September, two thousand
39 one.

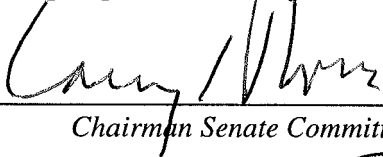
40 (d) The state board shall assist county boards in developing
41 in-service training regarding integrated character education as
42 provided in this section.

43 (e) The state board shall contract with an independent
44 agency to evaluate the results of the character education as
45 defined in this section, and report the results to the legislative
46 oversight commission on education accountability during the
47 September, two thousand three interim meeting period, and
48 every two years thereafter.

49 (f) The state department of education is encouraged to
50 utilize any existing moneys available to the department for
51 existing character development programs, along with any new
52 funds appropriated for the purposes of this section, to secure the
53 maximum amount of any federal funding available for which
54 the state department is eligible to receive for implementing
55 character development in the schools.

56 (g) Funding for this initiative shall be derived from the
57 0313 unclassified account within the state department of
58 education budget.

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

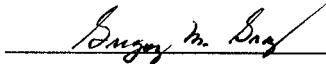

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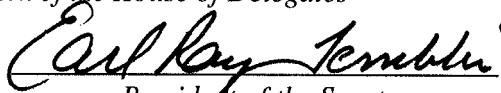

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Clerk of the Senate


Clerk of the House of Delegates


President of the Senate


Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 2nd
day of May 2001.


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