

FILED

2001 MAY -2 A 11: 14

OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2001



ENROLLED

House Bill No. 3245

(By Delegates Mezzatesta, Williams, Stemple, Fahey,
Swartzmiller, Harrison and Carmichael)



Passed April 14, 2001

In Effect from Passage

FILED

2001 MAY -2 A 11: 19

OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

ENROLLED

H. B. 3245

(BY DELEGATES MEZZATESTA, WILLIAMS, STEMPLER, FAHEY,
SWARTZMILLER, HARRISON AND CARMICHAEL)

[Passed April 14, 2001; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article eleven, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section six, relating to education; teacher education programs; establishing the national institute for teaching excellence; legislative findings and intent; report to legislative oversight commission on education accountability; creating the institute board; and board authorities and duties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 11. MISCELLANEOUS INSTITUTES AND CENTERS.

§18B-11-6. National Institute for Teaching Excellence established.

FILED

PI Enr. H. B. 3245]

2

1 (a) *Findings* — The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) West Virginia has long been recognized for its high
3 quality teacher preparation program as a national center for
4 teacher excellence;

5 (2) Teaching education candidates from higher education
6 institutions in this state have proven to be highly marketable
7 nationwide due to the reputation this state has earned in
8 producing outstanding teacher education graduates; and

9 (3) West Virginia should utilize its reputation for excep-
10 tional achievement in this area by promoting our program to
11 prospective students in teacher education programs to attract
12 graduates nationwide for teaching positions in this state.

13 (b) *Intent* — It is the intent of the Legislature:

14 (1) To create a permanent institute which, as an organized
15 activity and on a continuous basis, will encourage and promote
16 excellence and public awareness of the quality teacher prepara-
17 tion programs in our state;

18 (2) To honor excellence in education, recognize exemplary
19 teacher education graduates throughout the state and the nation,
20 and recruit and supply for our public schools highly qualified
21 teachers.

22 (c) For the purposes of this section, the following words
23 have the meanings ascribed to them:

24 (1) “Board” means the board of the institute as established
25 by this section;

26 (2) “Chancellor” means the chief executive officer of the
27 higher education policy commission;

28 (3) “Institute” means the national institute for teaching
29 excellence established by this section;

30 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of
31 education and the arts; and

32 (5) "Superintendent" means the state superintendent of
33 schools.

34 (d) There is hereby established within the office of the
35 secretary the national institute for teaching excellence. The
36 institute shall be implemented by the secretary with the
37 assistance of the superintendent and the chancellor.

38 (e) There is established the board of the institute which has
39 the responsibility for developing, overseeing and implementing
40 the operations of the institute. The board shall consist of seven
41 members selected as follows:

42 (1) The secretary or a designee;

43 (2) The superintendent or a designee;

44 (3) The chancellor or a designee;

45 (4) One certified teacher, selected by the state board; and

46 (5) Three members selected by the secretary representing
47 West Virginia higher education institutions with approved
48 teacher education programs. Of the three members selected by
49 the secretary, one shall represent a state university, one shall
50 represent a public college, and one shall represent a private
51 college.

52 (f) Members of the board serve terms of two years each
53 and, at the expiration of their terms, may continue to serve until
54 their respective successors are appointed. The secretary shall
55 appoint a chairperson for the board from among the members
56 thereof for a term of two years. The chairperson may continue
57 to serve until his or her successor is appointed.

58 (g) The board has the following powers and duties:

59 (1) To design and develop the institute;

60 (2) To select annually a university or college within the
61 state to host the institute;

62 (3) To establish the application process, criteria and
63 qualifications, and annually to make the final selection of two
64 recent education graduates from each state to attend the institute
65 academy;

66 (4) To solicit, accept and expend for the purposes of this
67 section any contribution, grant or appropriation from any
68 source, and to pursue aggressively any federal or private
69 funding available for these purposes;

70 (5) To perform such other duties as considered necessary to
71 carry out the purposes of this section;

72 (6) To report by the first day of November, two thousand
73 one, and annually thereafter, to the legislative oversight
74 commission on education accountability on the progress of the
75 institute. The initial report shall contain at least the following
76 information:

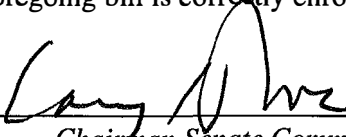
77 (i) A design for administering a collaborative effort on the
78 part of West Virginia colleges and universities with an ap-
79 proved teacher education program to provide a week-long
80 summer academy for recent teacher education graduates
81 nationwide;

82 (ii) Provisions, including appropriate sources of funds, for
83 the institute to main an office throughout the year for the
84 purpose of publishing materials, pursuing grant moneys,
85 conducting research and providing data on excellence in teacher
86 education; and

87 (iii) Provision for developing a certificate of recognition to
88 be presented to each participant upon completion of the
89 academy.

90 (e) Nothing in this section requires any level of funding by
91 the Legislature or requires the board to implement the provi-
92 sions of this section unless federal funds and/or private moneys
93 have been secured for that purpose.

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




Chairman Senate Committee



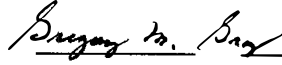
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage.



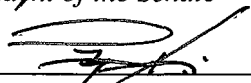
Clerk of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Delegates




President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 1st
day of May, 2001.



Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date

4/27/01

Time

4:40pm