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AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-2-15a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §18-9A-8a of said code, all relating to regional education service agencies; study by the State Superintendent of Schools; and foundation allowance for regional education service agencies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §18-2-15a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that §18-9A-8a of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-15a. Comprehensive study of regional education service agencies.

1 (a) The state superintendent shall conduct a comprehen-
2 sive study of the programs, governance and administration
3 of the regional education service agencies established
4 pursuant to section twenty-six of this article.

5 (b) The study shall include, but is not limited to, the
6 following:

7 (1) The general structure and specific processes for
8 governance and oversight of the regional education service
9 agencies to ensure efficiency of operations and account-
10 ability in the areas of:

11 (A) Financial integrity, oversight and accountability;

12 (B) Fiscal oversight of budgeting, salaries, benefits and
13 employment;

14 (C) Service delivery in priority areas, including, but not
15 limited to: (i) The types, cost, convenience and results of
16 in-service training programs and other efforts to assist low
17 performing schools and school systems; and (ii) the costs
18 and turnaround time of computer repair services; and

19 (D) The costs and benefits of other services provided to
20 the respective members counties;

21 (2) Areas of needed improvements, including any exist-
22 ing limitations or hindrances to improvement;

23 (3) The powers and duties of state board and state
24 superintendent relating to regional education service
25 agencies;

26 (4) The qualifications and procedures for selection of
27 agency executive directors;

28 (5) The selection and supervision of agency staff;

29 (6) Development of agency budget;

30 (7) Oversight of agency purchasing and auditing proce-
31 dures;

32 (8) Development of programs and delivery of services;
33 and

34 (9) Procedures to ensure fiscal and programmatic
35 accountability.

36 (c) The state superintendent shall report findings gener-
37 ated by the study, together with recommendations and any
38 legislation necessary to effectuate the recommendations,
39 to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education
40 Accountability by the first day of December, two thousand
41 six.

ARTICLE 9A. PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT.

**§18-9A-8a. Foundation allowance for regional education ser-
vice agencies.**

1 For the fiscal year beginning on the first day of July, two
2 thousand six, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the
3 foundation allowance for regional education service
4 agencies shall be equal to sixty-three one-hundredths
5 percent of the allocation for professional educators as
6 determined in section four of this article, but not more
7 than four million two hundred thousand dollars. The
8 allowance shall be distributed to the regional education
9 service agencies in accordance with rules adopted by the
10 state board. The allowance for regional education service
11 agencies shall be excluded from the computation of total
12 basic state aid as provided in section twelve of this article.

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


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Chairman Senate Committee


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Chairman House Committee


Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.


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Clerk of the Senate


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Clerk of the House of Delegates


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President of the Senate


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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 4th
Day of April, 2006.


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Governor

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