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AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-5-19c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to Division of Technical and Adult Education Services; programs; legislative findings; providing payment of General Educational Development exam fees for certain individuals; eligibility requirements; and requiring State Board of Education rule.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §18-5-19c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-19c. Division of Technical and Adult Education Services.

- 1 (a) The State Superintendent of Schools has authority to
- 2 establish in the State Department of Education a Division of
- 3 Technical and Adult Education Services, and to provide for

4 suitable coordination and supervision of the educational
5 programs established in sections nineteen-a and nineteen-b of
6 this article. All programs established under those sections are
7 under rules of the State Board of Education.

8 (b) The Legislature finds that:

9 (1) The General Educational Development (GED) exam
10 is an implement for success that can transform the future of
11 a graduate;

12 (2) For an individual who has not attained a high school
13 diploma, achieving a High School Equivalency Diploma can
14 increase employment opportunities and earning potential;

15 (3) Individuals who will benefit from a High School
16 Equivalency Diploma often lack the credentials necessary for
17 employment, and therefore lack the resources to afford the
18 costs of the GED exam; and

19 (4) Many individuals for whom the GED exam is
20 unattainable are likely to remain in a state of poverty.

21 (c) The State Board shall develop and administer a
22 program to provide the GED exam fee for an eligible
23 individual pursuing a High School Equivalency Diploma.
24 The State Board shall promulgate a rule in accordance with
25 the provisions of article three-b, chapter twenty-nine-a of this
26 code to implement the program.

27 (1) The rule shall provide for eligibility requirements as
28 follows:

29 (A) Successful completion of a GED preparation
30 program;

31 (B) Successful completion of the GED Official Practice
32 Test;

33 (C) Standards for measuring successful completion of the
34 program and test required by this subdivision;

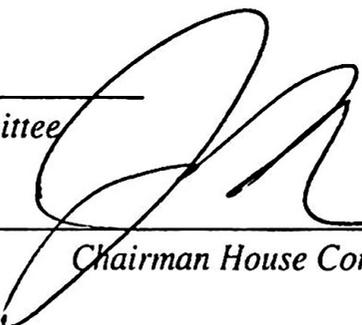
35 (D) GED exam registration with a GED testing center
36 that is approved by the State Board; and

37 (E) Any other requirements established by the State
38 Board.

39 (2) The State Board shall provide the GED exam fee
40 directly to the GED testing center.

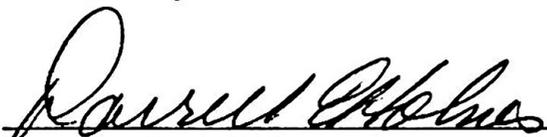
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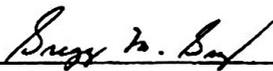

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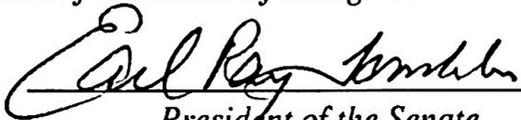

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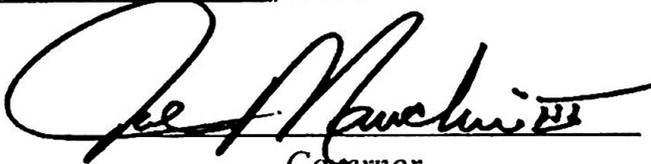

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The within is approved this the 31st
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