

H. B. 2266

(By Delegate Caputo)

[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
Committee on Education.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-5h, relating to
requiring the state Board of Education to promulgate rules
implementing a tornado safety awareness plan in public
schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-5h, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-5h. Tornado safety awareness plan.

The state board shall promulgate rules in accordance with the
provisions of article three-b, chapter twenty-nine-a, implementing
a tornado safety awareness plan in public schools which shall
minimally provide for the following:

1 (1) Require schools to designate a tornado shelter area,
2 develop an evacuation plan and provide basic instruction to faculty
3 and students on tornado safety awareness;

4 (2) Require a tornado drill to be practiced at least once
5 during the first week of school each year;

6 (3) Require schools to assign staff members to monitor media
7 for local weather conditions and take appropriate action when
8 necessary; and

9 (4) Require schools to designate a special alarm to indicate
10 when a tornado has been sighted or is approaching.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the state Board of Education to implement a tornado safety awareness plan in public schools.

§18-2-5h is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.