

H. B. 2280

(By Delegate Boggs)

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

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18C-7-8, relating to redemption or repayment of PROMISE scholarship funds when a student drops or withdraws from classes; Higher Education Policy Commission rule-making authority; and emergency situations exempted.

*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 §18C-7-8, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 7. WEST VIRGINIA PROVIDING REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
MAXIMIZING IN-STATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM.**

**§18C-7-8. Repayment of tuition and fees for dropped classes.**

(a) The PROMISE scholarship may not be used to pay for courses

1 dropped by a student or courses from which a student has withdrawn  
2 after the end of the add/drop period. The board shall notify  
3 eligible recipients of the provisions of this subsection and each  
4 institution receiving PROMISE scholarship funds shall notify award  
5 recipients of the provisions of this subsection during the  
6 registration process.

7 (b) Redemption of PROMISE scholarship funds which fall under  
8 subsection (a) of this section, shall be taken out of a student's  
9 PROMISE scholarship award for the following term or semester. If  
10 a student graduates or fails to return to school repayment shall be  
11 made directly to the Higher Education Policy Commission and then be  
12 directly deposited into the PROMISE Scholarship Fund.

13 (c) In emergency situations including, but not limited to,  
14 long-term health issues of the student, death of a parent or  
15 guardian or death of a child or spouse redemption and repayment may  
16 be excused. Evaluations of students seeking this exemption shall  
17 be done on a case-by-case basis.

18 (d) The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission shall  
19 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section  
20 pursuant to the provisions of section five, article three, chapter  
21 twenty-nine-a of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant the Higher Education Policy Commission rule-making authority to redeem or secure repayment of PROMISE Scholarship Funds from students who

withdraw or drop classes.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.