

**Senate Bill No. 603**

(By Senators Walters, Palumbo and Wells)

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[Introduced March 22, 2013; referred to the Committee on  
Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

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NOTE**

10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-18f, relating  
12 to county boards of education; licensed school psychologists;  
13 and providing that the maximum licensed school psychologist-  
14 pupil ratio is fifteen hundred pupils for each licensed school  
15 psychologist.

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

20 **ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

21 **§18-5-18f. Licensed school psychologists; maximum pupil ratio.**

22 (a) A licensed school psychologist means a professional who  
23 holds a license in accordance with article twenty-one, chapter

1 thirty of this code.

2       (b) Each county board that provides licensed school  
3 psychologist services for each pupil enrolled in the public schools  
4 of the county shall provide by the school year 2014-2015, and  
5 thereafter, sufficient licensed school psychologist services and  
6 personnel that will ensure that there is no more than a fifteen  
7 hundred pupil ratio for each licensed school psychologist in the  
8 county.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that the maximum  
licensed school psychologist-pupil ratio is fifteen hundred pupils  
for each licensed school psychologist.

§18-5-18f is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring  
have been omitted.