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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 2940

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MOYE AND PERRY)

[Passed April 9, 2013; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-26a, relating to regional meetings among certain officials of county boards of education; establishing purposes and limitation; requiring notice; setting forth the responsibilities of county and state education officials; soliciting input from organizations having an interest in education; requiring certain reports; and providing a process for approval of training.

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 §18-2-26a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-26a. Regional meetings on shared services and functions; notice, solicitation of input and approval; reports.

1 (a) During the months of July and August, 2013, and
2 thereafter biennially within two months following the organiza-
3 tional meetings of county boards required by section one-c,
4 article five of this chapter, all county superintendents of schools
5 and members of county boards belonging to the same regional
6 educational service agency shall meet together to identify
7 administrative, coordinating and other county level services and
8 functions that may be shared between or among the county
9 boards, especially when resignations, retirements, staffing
10 realignments or similar events may occur. The meeting shall be
11 a special meeting of each participating county board, to be called
12 pursuant to section four, article five of this chapter solely for the
13 purposes set forth in this section.

14 (b) As soon as each meeting is scheduled, the West Virginia
15 School Board Association shall notify the state superintendent in
16 writing of the time, place and date of the meeting. The associa-
17 tion shall conduct the meetings and for that purpose may consult
18 with the regional educational service agencies. The format of the
19 meetings shall be approved by the state board in advance.

20 (c) Prior to seeking the approval of the state board for the
21 format of the meetings, the association shall solicit input from
22 statewide organizations that have an interest in public education,
23 including organizations representing the interests of parents,
24 business and industry, public school administrators, teachers and
25 service personnel.

26 (d) By October 1, following the meetings required by this
27 section, the West Virginia School Board Association shall
28 provide a report of the meetings to the state board and the
29 Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.

30 The report shall include, but is not limited to, the following
31 items:

32 (1) Identification of the administrative, coordinating and
33 other county level services and functions that may be shared
34 between or among the county boards;

35 (2) An analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of
36 sharing services in each instance; and

37 (3) A process for implementing recommended changes.

38 (e) Subject to state board approval, the county board member
39 training standards review committee established by section one-
40 a, article five of this chapter may determine that the attendance
41 of a county board member at the meeting required by subsection
42 (a) of this section shall be approved as training related to
43 boardsmanship and governance effectiveness.

44 (f) Nothing in this section requires the elimination or
45 consolidation of county school districts.

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

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within _____ this the _____
day of _____, 2013.

Governor

