

H. B. 2983

(By Delegates McAtee, Anderson, Pando, Staggers)

[Introduced March 19, 2013; referred to the
Committee on Education then Finance.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-7d, relating to requiring inclusion of science fiction reading material in certain existing middle school and high school courses to stimulate interest in the fields of math and science.

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 §18-2-7d, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-7d. Science fiction reading material to be included in curriculum to stimulate interest in math and science.

The Legislature finds that promoting interest in and appreciation for the study of math and science among students is critical to preparing students to compete in the workforce and to

1 assure the economic well being of the state and the nation. To
2 stimulate interest in math and science among students in the public
3 schools of this state, the State Board of Education shall prescribe
4 minimum standards by which samples of grade-appropriate science
5 fiction literature are integrated into the curriculum of existing
6 reading, literature or other required courses for middle school and
7 high school students.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that science fiction reading material be incorporated into the curriculum for middle school and high school students to stimulate interest in the study of math and science.

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