

Senate Bill No. 55

(By Senator Walters)

[Introduced January 8, 2014; referred to the Committee on
Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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

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 §18-5-18f, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

(a) A licensed school psychologist means a professional who
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 2015-2016, 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.