

**Senate Bill No. 562**

(By Senators Chafin and Yost)

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[Introduced February 13, 2014; referred to the Committee on  
Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

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NOTE**

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-2-26 of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §18-5-1a and §18-5-  
12 4 of said code, all relating to the State Board of Education;  
13 multicounty regional education service agencies; county boards  
14 of education and training requirements; compensation for  
15 attendance of various meetings and training sessions; and  
16 reporting requirements to the Legislative Oversight Commission  
17 on Education Accountability.

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

19 That §18-2-26 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
20 be amended and reenacted; and that §18-5-1a and §18-5-4 of said  
21 code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

22 **ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

23 **§18-2-26. Establishment of multicounty regional educational**

1                   **service agencies; purpose; authority of state**  
2                   **board; governance; annual performance standards.**

3           (a) *Legislative intent.* -- The intent of the Legislature in  
4 providing for establishment of regional education service agencies,  
5 hereinafter referred to in this section as agency or agencies, is  
6 to provide for high quality, cost effective education programs and  
7 services to students, schools and school systems.

8           Since the first enactment of this section in 1972, the focus  
9 of public education has shifted from a reliance on input models to  
10 determine if education programs and services are providing to  
11 students a thorough and efficient education to a performance based  
12 accountability model which relies on the following:

13           (1) Development and implementation of standards which set  
14 forth the things that students should know and be able to do as the  
15 result of a thorough and efficient education including measurable  
16 criteria to evaluate student performance and progress;

17           (2) Development and implementation of assessments to measure  
18 student performance and progress toward meeting the standards;

19           (3) Development and implementation of a system for holding  
20 schools and school systems accountable for student performance and  
21 progress toward obtaining a high quality education which is  
22 delivered in an efficient manner; and

23           (4) Development and implementation of a method for building  
24 the capacity and improving the efficiency of schools and school

1 systems to improve student performance and progress.

2       (b) *Purpose.* -- In establishing the agencies the Legislature  
3 envisions certain areas of service in which the agencies can best  
4 assist the state board in implementing the standards based  
5 accountability model pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
6 and, thereby, in providing high quality education programs. These  
7 areas of service include the following:

8       (1) Providing technical assistance to low performing schools  
9 and school systems;

10       (2) Providing high quality, targeted staff development  
11 designed to enhance the performance and progress of students in  
12 state public education;

13       (3) Facilitating coordination and cooperation among the county  
14 boards within their respective regions in such areas as cooperative  
15 purchasing; sharing of specialized personnel, communications and  
16 technology; curriculum development; and operation of specialized  
17 programs for exceptional children;

18       (4) Installing, maintaining and/or repairing education related  
19 technology equipment and software with special attention to the  
20 state level basic skills and SUCCESS programs;

21       (5) Receiving and administering grants under the provisions of  
22 federal and/or state law; and

23       (6) Developing and/or implementing any other programs or  
24 services as directed by law or by the state board.

1           (c) *State board rule.* -- The state board shall reexamine the  
2 powers and duties of the agencies in light of the changes in state  
3 level education policy that have occurred and shall establish  
4 multicounty regional educational service agencies by rule,  
5 promulgated in accordance with the provisions of article three-b,  
6 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code.

7           The rule shall contain all information necessary for the  
8 effective administration and operation of the agencies. In  
9 developing the rule, the state board may not delegate its  
10 Constitutional authority for the general supervision of schools to  
11 the agencies, however, it may allow the agencies greater latitude  
12 in the development and implementation of programs in the service  
13 areas outlined in subsection (b) of this section with the  
14 exceptions of providing technical assistance to low performing  
15 schools and school systems and providing high quality, targeted  
16 staff development designed to enhance the performance and progress  
17 of students in state public education. These two areas constitute  
18 the most important responsibilities for the agencies.

19           The rule establishing the agencies shall be promulgated before  
20 November 1, 2002, and shall be consistent with the provisions of  
21 this section. It shall include, but is not limited to, the  
22 following procedures:

23           (1) Providing for a uniform governance structure for the  
24 agencies containing at least these elements:

1           (A) Selection by the state board of an executive director who  
2 shall be responsible for the administration of his or her  
3 respective agency. The rule shall provide for the state board to  
4 consult with the appropriate regional council during the selection  
5 process;

6           (B) Development of a job description and qualifications for  
7 the position of executive director, together with procedures for  
8 informing the public of position openings and for taking and  
9 evaluating applications for these positions;

10          (C) Provisions for the agencies to employ other staff, as  
11 necessary, with the approval of the state board and upon the  
12 recommendation of the executive director: *Provided*, That prior to  
13 July 1, 2003, no person who is an employee of an agency on the  
14 effective date of this section may be terminated or have his or her  
15 salary and benefit levels reduced as the sole result of the changes  
16 made to this section or by state board rule;

17          (D) Appointment by the county boards of a regional council in  
18 each agency area consisting of representatives of county boards and  
19 county superintendents from within that area for the purpose of  
20 advising and assisting the executive director in carrying out his  
21 or her duties. The state board may provide for membership on the  
22 regional council for representatives from other agencies and  
23 institutions who have interest or expertise in the development or  
24 implementation of regional education programs; and

1 (E) Selection by the state superintendent of a representative  
2 from the State Department of Education to serve on each regional  
3 council. These representatives shall meet with their respective  
4 regional councils at least quarterly;

5 (2) Establishing statewide standards by the state board for  
6 service delivery by the agencies. These standards may be revised  
7 annually and shall include, but are not limited to, programs and  
8 services to fulfill the purposes set forth in subsection (b) of  
9 this section;

10 (3) Establishing procedures for developing and adopting an  
11 annual basic operating budget for each agency and for other  
12 budgeting and accounting procedures as the state board may require;

13 (4) Establishing procedures to clarifying that agencies may  
14 acquire and hold real property;

15 (5) Dividing the state into appropriate, contiguous  
16 geographical areas and designating an agency to serve each area.  
17 The rule shall provide that each of the state's counties is  
18 contained within a single service area and that all counties  
19 located within the boundaries of each agency, as determined by the  
20 state board, shall be members of that agency; and

21 (6) Such other standards or procedures as the state board  
22 finds necessary or convenient.

23 (d) *Regional services.* -- In furtherance of the purposes  
24 provided for in this section, the state board and the regional

1 council of each agency shall continually explore possibilities for  
2 the delivery of services on a regional basis which will facilitate  
3 equality in the education offerings among counties in its service  
4 area, permit the delivery of high quality education programs at a  
5 lower per student cost, strengthen the cost effectiveness of  
6 education funding resources, reduce administrative and/or  
7 operational costs, including the consolidation of administrative,  
8 coordinating and other county level functions into region level  
9 functions, and promote the efficient administration and operation  
10 of the public school systems generally.

11 Technical, operational, programmatic or professional services  
12 are among the types of services appropriate for delivery on a  
13 regional basis.

14 (e) *Virtual education.* -- The state board, in conjunction with  
15 the various agencies, shall develop an effective model for the  
16 regional delivery of instruction in subjects where there exists low  
17 student enrollment or a shortage of certified teachers or where the  
18 delivery method substantially improves the quality of an  
19 instructional program. The model shall incorporate an interactive  
20 electronic classroom approach to instruction. To the extent funds  
21 are appropriated or otherwise available, county boards or regional  
22 educational service agencies may adopt and utilize the model for  
23 the delivery of the instruction.

24 (f) *Computer information system.* -- Each county board of

1 education shall use the uniform integrated regional computer  
2 information system recommended by the state board for data  
3 collection and reporting to the state Department of Education.  
4 County boards of education shall bear the cost of and fully  
5 participate in the implementation of the system by using one of the  
6 following methods:

7 (1) Acquiring necessary, compatible equipment to participate  
8 in the regional computer information system; or

9 (2) Following receipt of a waiver from the state  
10 superintendent, operating a comparable management information  
11 system at a lower cost which provides at least all uniform  
12 integrated regional computer information system software modules  
13 and allows on-line, interactive access for schools and the county  
14 board office onto the statewide communications network. All data  
15 formats shall be the same as for the uniform integrated regional  
16 information system and will reside at the regional computer.

17 Any county granted a waiver shall receive periodic  
18 notification of any incompatibility or deficiency in its system.  
19 No county shall expand any system either through the purchase of  
20 additional software or hardware that does not advance the goals and  
21 implementation of the uniform integrated regional computer  
22 information system as recommended by the state board.

23 (g) *Reports and evaluations.* -- Each agency shall submit to  
24 the state superintendent on such date and in such form as specified



1 in the rules adopted by the state board a report and evaluation of  
2 the technical assistance and other services provided and utilized  
3 by the schools within each respective region and their  
4 effectiveness. Additionally, any school may submit an evaluation  
5 of the services provided by the agency to the state superintendent  
6 at any time. This report shall include an evaluation of the agency  
7 program, suggestions on methods to improve utilization and  
8 suggestions on the development of new programs and the enhancement  
9 of existing programs. The reports and evaluations submitted  
10 pursuant to this subsection shall be submitted to the state board  
11 and shall be made available upon request to the standing committees  
12 on education of the West Virginia Senate and House of Delegates and  
13 to the Secretary of Education and the Arts.

14 (h) *Funding sources.* -- An agency may receive and disburse  
15 funds from the state and federal governments, from member counties,  
16 or from gifts and grants.

17 (I) *Employee expenses.* -- Notwithstanding any other provision  
18 of this code to the contrary, employees of agencies shall be  
19 reimbursed for travel, meals and lodging at the same rate as state  
20 employees under the travel management office of the Department of  
21 Administration.

22 A county board member may not be an employee of an agency.

23 (j) *Meetings. ~~and compensation.~~* --

24 ~~(1)~~ Agencies shall hold at least one half of their regular

1 meetings during hours other than those of a regular school day.  
2 The executive director of each agency shall attend at least one  
3 meeting of each of the member county boards of education each year  
4 to explain the agency's services, garner suggestions for program  
5 improvement and provide any other information as may be requested  
6 by the county board.

7 ~~(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the~~  
8 ~~contrary, county board members serving on regional councils may~~  
9 ~~receive compensation at a rate not to exceed \$100 per meeting~~  
10 ~~attended, not to exceed fifteen meetings per year. County board~~  
11 ~~members serving on regional councils may be reimbursed for travel at~~  
12 ~~the same rate as state employees under the rules of the travel~~  
13 ~~management office of the Department of Administration.~~

14 (k) *Computer installation, maintenance and repair.* -- Agencies  
15 shall serve as the lead agency for computer installation,  
16 maintenance and repair for the basic skills and SUCCESS computer  
17 programs. Each agency shall submit a quarterly status report on  
18 turn around time for computer installation, maintenance and repair  
19 to the State Superintendent of Schools who shall then submit a  
20 report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education  
21 Accountability. The status report for turn around time for computer  
22 installation, maintenance and repair shall be based on the following  
23 suggested time schedules:

24 Network File Servers.....forty-eight hours

1 Local Area Networks.....forty-eight hours  
 2 West Virginia Education  
 3 Information System.....twenty-four hours  
 4 Computer Workstations.....three to five days  
 5 Printers.....three to five days  
 6 Other Peripherals.....three to five days  
 7 Agencies also shall submit an audit report to the Legislative  
 8 Oversight Commission on Education Accountability each year.

9 (1) *Professional development.* -- Pursuant to the processes and  
 10 provisions of section twenty-three-a, article two, chapter eighteen  
 11 of this code, each agency shall provide coordinated professional  
 12 development programs within its region to meet the professional  
 13 development goals established by the state board.

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

15 **§18-5-1a. Eligibility of members; training requirements.**

16 (a) A person who is a member of a county board:

17 (1) Shall be a citizen and resident in the county in which he  
 18 or she serves on the county board. Also, a person who is a  
 19 candidate for membership on a county board or who is a member-elect  
 20 of a county board shall be a citizen and resident in the county in  
 21 which he or she seeks to serve on the county board;

22 (2) May not be employed by the county board on which he or she  
 23 serves, including employment as a teacher or service person;

24 (3) May not engage in the following political activities:

1 (A) Become a candidate for or hold any other public office,  
2 other than to succeed him or herself as a member of a county board  
3 subject to the following:

4 (I) A candidate for a county board, who is not currently  
5 serving on a county board, may hold another public office while a  
6 candidate if he or she resigns from the other public office prior to  
7 taking the oath of office as a county board member.

8 (ii) The term "public office" as used in this section does not  
9 include service on any other board, elected or appointed, profit or  
10 nonprofit, under the following conditions:

11 (I) The person does not receive compensation; and

12 (II) The primary scope of the board is not related to public  
13 schools.

14 (B) Become a candidate for, or serve as, an elected member of  
15 any political party executive committee;

16 (C) Become a candidate for, or serve as, a delegate, alternate  
17 or proxy to a national political party convention;

18 (D) Solicit or receive political contributions to support the  
19 election of, or to retire the campaign debt of, any candidate for  
20 partisan office;

21 (4) May engage in any or all of the following political  
22 activities:

23 (A) Make campaign contributions to partisan or bipartisan  
24 candidates;

1 (B) Attend political fund raisers for partisan or bipartisan  
2 candidates;

3 (C) Serve as an unpaid volunteer on a partisan campaign;

4 (D) Politically endorse any candidate in a partisan or  
5 bipartisan election; or

6 (E) Attend a county, state or national political party  
7 convention.

8 (b) A member or member-elect of a county board, or a person  
9 desiring to become a member of a county board, may make a written  
10 request to the West Virginia Ethics Commission for an advisory  
11 opinion to determine if another elected or appointed position held  
12 or sought by the person is an office or public office which would  
13 bar service on a county board pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
14 section.

15 (1) Within thirty days of receipt of the request, the Ethics  
16 Commission shall issue a written advisory opinion in response to the  
17 request and also shall publish the opinion in a manner which, to the  
18 fullest extent possible, does not reveal the identity of the person  
19 making the request.

20 (2) A county board member who relies in good faith upon an  
21 advisory opinion issued by the West Virginia Ethics Commission to  
22 the effect that holding a particular office or public office is not  
23 a bar from membership on a county board and against whom proceedings  
24 are subsequently brought for removal from the county board on the

1 basis of holding that office or offices is entitled to reimbursement  
2 by the county board for reasonable attorney's fees and court costs  
3 incurred by the member in defending against these proceedings,  
4 regardless of the outcome of the proceedings.

5 (3) A vote cast by the member at a meeting of the county board  
6 may not be invalidated due to a subsequent finding that holding the  
7 particular office or public office is a bar to membership on the  
8 county board.

9 (4) Good faith reliance on a written advisory opinion of the  
10 West Virginia Ethics Commission that a particular office or public  
11 office is not a bar to membership on a county board is an absolute  
12 defense to any civil suit or criminal prosecution arising from any  
13 proper action taken within the scope of membership on the county  
14 board, becoming a member-elect of the county board or seeking  
15 election to the county board.

16 (c) To be eligible for election or appointment as a member of  
17 a county board, a person shall possess at least a high school  
18 diploma or a general educational development (GED) diploma. This  
19 provision does not apply to members or members-elect who have taken  
20 office prior to May 5, 1992, and who serve continuously from that  
21 date forward.

22 (d) A person elected to a county board after July 1, 1990, may  
23 not assume the duties of county board member unless he or she has  
24 first attended and completed a course of orientation relating to

1 boardsmanship and governance effectiveness which shall be given  
2 between the date of election and the beginning of the member's term  
3 of office under the following conditions:

4 (1) A portion or portions of subsequent training such as that  
5 offered in orientation may be provided to members after they have  
6 commenced their term of office;

7 (2) Attendance at the session of orientation given between the  
8 date of election and the beginning of the member's term of office  
9 permits the member-elect to assume the duties of county board  
10 member, as specified in this section;

11 (3) Members appointed to the county board shall attend and  
12 complete the next orientation course offered following their  
13 appointment; and

14 (4) The provisions of this subsection relating to orientation  
15 do not apply to members who have taken office prior to July 1, 1988,  
16 and who serve continuously from that date forward.

17 (e) Annually, each member of a county board shall receive seven  
18 clock hours of training in areas relating to boardsmanship,  
19 governance effectiveness, and school performance issues including,  
20 but not limited to, pertinent state and federal statutes such as the  
21 "Process for Improving Education" set forth in section five, article  
22 two-e of this chapter and the "No Child Left Behind Act" and their  
23 respective administrative rules. A member must satisfy the annual  
24 training requirement regardless of whether he or she is compensated

1 for the training as provided in section four, article five of this  
2 chapter.

3 (1) The orientation and training shall be approved by the state  
4 board and conducted by the West Virginia School Board Association or  
5 other organization or organizations approved by the state board:

6 (A) The state board may exclude time spent in training on  
7 school performance issues from the requisite seven hours herein  
8 required; and

9 (B) If the state board elects to exclude time spent in training  
10 on school performance issues from the requisite seven hours, the  
11 state board shall limit the training to a feasible and practicable  
12 amount of time.

13 (2) Failure to attend and complete the approved course of  
14 orientation and training relating to boardsmanship and governance  
15 effectiveness without good cause as determined by the state board by  
16 duly promulgated legislative rules constitutes neglect of duty under  
17 section seven, article six, chapter six of this code.

18 (f) In the final year of any four-year term of office, a member  
19 shall satisfy the annual training requirement before January 1.  
20 Failure to comply with the training requirements of this section  
21 without good cause as defined by the state board by duly promulgated  
22 legislative rules constitutes neglect of duty under section seven,  
23 article six, chapter six of this code.

24 (g) The state board shall appoint a committee named the "county



1 board member training standards review committee" whose members  
2 shall meet at least annually. Subject to state board approval, the  
3 committee shall determine which particular trainings and training  
4 organizations shall be approved and whether county board members  
5 have satisfied the annual training requirement. Members of the  
6 committee serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by their  
7 agencies or employers for all reasonable and necessary expenses  
8 actually incurred in the performance of their duties under this  
9 subsection.

10 **§18-5-4. Meetings; employment and assignment of teachers; budget**  
11 **hearing; compensation of members; affiliation with**  
12 **state and national associations.**

13 (a) The county board shall meet upon the dates provided by law,  
14 and at any other times the county board fixes upon its records.  
15 Subject to adequate public notice, nothing in this section prohibits  
16 the county board from conducting regular meetings in facilities  
17 within the county other than the county board office. At any  
18 meeting as authorized in this section and in compliance with the  
19 provisions of chapter eighteen-a of this code, the county board may  
20 employ qualified teachers, or those who will qualify by the time  
21 they enter upon their duties, necessary to fill existing or  
22 anticipated vacancies for the current or next ensuing school year.  
23 Meetings of the county board shall be held in compliance with the  
24 provisions of chapter eighteen-a of this code for purposes relating

1 to the assignment, transfer, termination and dismissal of teachers  
2 and other school employees.

3 (b) Special meetings may be called by the president or any  
4 three members, but no business may be transacted other than that  
5 designated in the call.

6 (c) In addition, a public hearing shall be held concerning the  
7 preliminary operating budget for the next fiscal year not fewer than  
8 ten days after the budget has been made available to the public for  
9 inspection and within a reasonable time prior to the submission of  
10 the budget to the state board for approval. Reasonable time shall  
11 be granted at the hearing to any person who wishes to speak  
12 regarding any part of the budget. Notice of the hearing shall be  
13 published as a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the  
14 provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code.

15 (d) A majority of the members of the county board is the quorum  
16 necessary for the transaction of official business.

17 (e) Board members may receive compensation at a rate not to  
18 exceed \$160 per meeting or training session attended or, pursuant to  
19 subsection (g) of this section, not to exceed \$200 per meeting or  
20 training session attended: Provided, That in any one fiscal year  
21 members, but they may not receive pay for more than fifty meetings  
22 and such number of training sessions as the state board shall  
23 determine; Provided, however, That board members may receive pay  
24 for as many as sixty-five meetings in any fiscal year in which the

1 foundation allowance to their county under the West Virginia Public  
2 School Support Plan is based upon net student enrollment in excess  
3 of twenty thousand students.

4 (f) Before July 1, 2014, the state board in consultation with  
5 the county board member training standards review committee  
6 established pursuant to section one-a, article five of this chapter,  
7 shall adopt a legislative rule in accordance with article three-b,  
8 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, defining "training session,"  
9 establishing the number of training sessions for which board members  
10 may annually be compensated, and making compensation for training  
11 sessions conditional upon verification by the West Virginia School  
12 Board Association of board members' attendance at training sessions.  
13 ~~in any one fiscal year. Board members who serve on an~~  
14 ~~administrative council of a multicounty vocational center also may~~  
15 ~~receive compensation for attending up to twelve meetings of the~~  
16 ~~council at the same rate as for meetings of the county board.~~  
17 ~~Meetings of the council are not counted as board meetings for~~  
18 ~~purposes of determining the limit on compensable board meetings.~~

19 (g) Board members may receive compensation at a rate greater  
20 than \$160 per meeting or training session attended, not to exceed  
21 \$200, subject to the following:

22 (1) Before July 1 of the fiscal year in which the compensation  
23 rate is increased, the board must determine from fiscal information  
24 provided by its superintendent that compensation at the greater rate

1 is fiscally responsible.

2 (2) Each board member in office on the effective date of the  
3 compensation increase who desires to receive compensation at the  
4 greater rate must file with the superintendent the member's  
5 agreement to accept the compensation increase: *Provided*, That the  
6 compensation rate of a member who fails to file the written  
7 agreement shall, until the member vacates the office or the member's  
8 term of office expires, whichever first occurs, be the compensation  
9 rate in effect for members of the board immediately prior to the  
10 effective date of the increase.

11 (3) If in the board's judgment there are insufficient revenues  
12 to pay compensation at the greater rate and any related employment  
13 taxes, then the compensation rate for the board's members shall  
14 remain the same as when the fiscal analysis was undertaken in  
15 accordance with the provisions of this subsection: *Provided*, That a  
16 board having made this determination may review the same on or  
17 before July 1 of the ensuing fiscal year. If after subsequent review  
18 the board determines there are sufficient revenues to provide the  
19 increase in compensation, the board, subject to the procedures of  
20 this subsection, may agree to do so: *Provided*, however, That no such  
21 increase in compensation may be retroactive to the effective date of  
22 this statute.

23 ~~(e)~~ (h) Board members who serve on an administrative council of  
24 a multicounty vocational center may receive compensation for

1 attending up to twelve meetings of the council at the same rate as  
2 for meetings of the county board ~~a rate not to exceed \$160 per~~  
3 ~~meeting attended, but they may not receive pay for more than fifty~~  
4 ~~meetings in any one fiscal year.~~ Board members who serve on ~~an~~  
5 ~~administrative~~ regional council of a multicounty ~~vocational center~~  
6 ~~also~~ regional educational service agency may receive compensation  
7 for attending up to ~~twelve~~ fifteen meetings of the council at the  
8 same rate as for meetings of the county board. Meetings of the  
9 administrative council and regional council are not counted as board  
10 meetings for purposes of determining the limit on compensable board  
11 meetings.

12 ~~(f)~~ (I) Members also shall be paid, upon the presentation of an  
13 itemized sworn statement, for all necessary traveling expenses,  
14 including all authorized meetings, incurred on official business, at  
15 the order of the county board.

16 ~~(g)~~ (j) When, by a majority vote of its members, a county board  
17 considers it a matter of public interest, the county board may join  
18 the West Virginia School Board Association and the National School  
19 Board Association and may pay the dues prescribed by the  
20 associations and approved by action of the respective county boards.  
21 Membership dues and actual traveling expenses incurred by board  
22 members for attending meetings of the West Virginia School Board  
23 Association may be paid by their respective county boards out of  
24 funds available to meet actual expenses of the members, but no

1 allowance may be made except upon sworn itemized statements.

2 (k) Prior to December 1 of each year, the West Virginia School  
3 Board Association shall provide to the Legislative Commission on  
4 Education Accountability a report on board member compensation for  
5 the preceding fiscal year, to include for each board at least the  
6 following:

7 (1) The number of meetings held, broken down into regular  
8 meetings and special meetings;

9 (2) The number of special meetings that were statutory  
10 meetings;

11 (3) The number of special meetings that were called as  
12 emergency meetings under article nine-a, chapter six of this code;

13 (4) The rate or rates of compensation paid to members for  
14 attending meetings and training sessions, and whether this was  
15 greater than the rate paid during the preceding fiscal year;

16 (5) The total compensation paid to members and each of them for  
17 attending each of the following:

18 (A) Board meetings;

19 (B) Training sessions;

20 (C) Meetings of the administrative council of any multicounty  
21 vocational center; and

22 (D) Meetings of the regional council of a multicounty regional  
23 educational service agency.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide requirements for training sessions and various meetings of multicounty regional educational service agencies and county boards of education training requirements. It changes the compensation for attendance of various meetings and training sessions. And, provides annual reporting requirements to the Legislative Commission on Education Accountability.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.