

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **Senate Bill No. 287**

4 (By Senators Takubo, Boley, Carmichael, Gaunch, Stollings, Walters, Williams, Trump and
5 Blair)

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7 [Originating in the Committee on Education;
8 reported February 4, 2015.]
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11 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
12 designated §18-2-34a, relating to the State Board of Education; providing for awarding of
13 posthumous high school diploma to parents of high school senior who dies during senior
14 year; providing exceptions; and designating said section as "Todd's Law".

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

16 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
17 section, designated §18-2-34a, to read as follows:

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

19 **§18-2-34a. Posthumous high school diplomas for parents of certain students.**

20 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, but subject to subsection (b)
21 of this section, on the request of the parent or parents of a deceased student who died while enrolled
22 in the school district at grade level twelve, the state board shall provide for the awarding of a

1 posthumous high school diploma: *Provided*, That the student was academically eligible, at the time
2 of death, to receive a diploma at the end of the school year in which the student died. For the
3 purposes of this section, school year begins at the end of the eleventh grade year.

4 (b) This section shall be known as "Todd's Law".

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the awarding of a posthumous high school diploma to parents of a high school senior who dies during the senior year. The bill is to be known as "Todd's Law".

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.)