

**Senate Bill No. 296**

(By Senators Walters and D. Hall)

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[Introduced; January 23, 2015 referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the  
Committee on Finance.]

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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 fifteen 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 thirty of this code.

(b) Each county board that provides licensed school psychologist services for each pupil

1 enrolled in the public schools of the county shall provide by the school year 2019-2020, and  
2 thereafter, sufficient licensed school psychologist services and personnel that will ensure that there  
3 is no more than a fifteen hundred pupil ratio for each licensed school psychologist in the 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.