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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0770

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2840


Dear Secretary Tennant:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove the Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 2840.

This bill would allow county boards of education to substitute up to four days of in-school instructional time with at-home instructional time in certain instances. As a result, students may only receive 176 days of in-school instructional time instead of 180 separate days as required under current law. One of my goals in Senate Bill No. 359, signed into law in 2013, was to ensure students receive 180 separate days of in-school instruction. This bill takes a step backward in meeting this goal and is directly at odds with my comprehensive education reform bill.

I encourage county boards of education to continue exploring options to meet the required 180 separate days of in-school instruction to ensure our state's students receive a thorough and efficient education.

Sincerely,


Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor

cc: The Hon. William P. Cole III
President of the Senate

The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates