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Senate Bill 89

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to
the Committee on Finance.]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §18-5-18f, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

1 (a) A licensed school psychologist means a professional who holds a license in
 2 accordance with article twenty-one, chapter thirty of this code.

3 (b) Each county board that provides licensed school psychologist services for each pupil
 4 enrolled in the public schools of the county shall provide by the school year 2020-2021, and after
 5 that, sufficient licensed school psychologist services and personnel that will ensure that there is
 6 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.

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