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House Bill 4409

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources

then Education.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

2   designated §18-5-15e, relating to in-service training programs in the use of the Heimlich

3   maneuver and response to choking emergencies required for all school personnel in pre-

4   kindergarten, kindergarten and elementary schools; and encouraging parents to attend.

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 §18-5-15e, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-15e. In-service training programs in the use of the Heimlich maneuver and response to choking emergencies; parent attendance.

1   Under guidelines established by the State Board of Education in consultation with the

2 West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, training programs in the use of the

3 Heimlich maneuver and response to choking emergencies shall be provided by the county boards

4 as in-service training for all school personnel in prekindergarten, kindergarten and elementary

5 schools. The county boards shall encourage the attendance of parents at these programs and

6 notify such parents to the fullest extent practicable, including notification in written form and by

7 publication.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require in-service training programs in the use of the Heimlich maneuver and response to choking emergencies for all school personnel in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and elementary schools. The bill encourages parents to attend.

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