

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 431**

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FACEMIRE

[Introduced February 24, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Education]

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 or who is the holder of a school  
 3 psychology certificate or permit issued by the West Virginia Department of Education.

4 (b) Each county board that provides licensed school psychologist services for each pupil  
 5 enrolled in the public schools of the county shall provide by the school year 2021-2022, and after  
 6 that, sufficient licensed school psychologist services and personnel that will ensure that there is  
 7 no more than a one thousand five hundred pupil ratio for each licensed school psychologist in the  
 8 county.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that the maximum licensed school psychologist-pupil ratio is one thousand five 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.