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# House Bill 2327

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to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary]

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

2      designated §18-2-42, relating to public school education in dating violence, domestic

3      abuse and sexual violence prevention.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

## ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

### §18-2-42. Programs to prevent dating violence, domestic abuse, and sexual violence.

1      (a) The state board shall establish a comprehensive approach to integrate age-appropriate

2  components of effective and evidence-based programs on the prevention of dating violence,

3  domestic abuse and sexual violence and the laws and regulations pertaining thereto into their

4  existing programs.

5      (b) The state board shall require all public schools that operate from grade six to grade

6  twelve to develop and integrate components of effective and evidence-based programs on the

7  prevention of dating violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence and the laws and regulations

8  pertaining thereto into their curricula.

9      (c) Programs to prevent dating violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence shall be

10  integrated into the applicable public school curriculum by July 1, 2019.

11      (d) The state board shall assist county boards in developing in-service training regarding

12  effective and evidence-based programs on the prevention of dating violence, domestic abuse and

13  sexual violence and the laws and regulations pertaining thereto as provided in this section.

NOTE: This purpose of this bill is to ensure that public schools integrate age-appropriate components of effective and evidence-based programs on the prevention of dating violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence into their existing programs and curricula.

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