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

designated §18-2A-10, relating to authorizing certain teachers to use alternative teaching

3 programs if test scores of students are not meeting goals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2A. ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.

§18-2A-10. Authority for K-12 classroom teachers to change teaching programs if student test scores not meeting goals.

- 1 <u>Notwithstanding other provisions in this article to the contrary, beginning with the 2020-</u>
- 2 2021 school year, kindergarten through grade twelve classroom teachers of students whose test
- 3 scores are not meeting goals, may adopt, for two years, teaching programs as alternatives to the
- 4 ones approved by other provisions of this article. If student test scores improve under a new
- 5 alternative program to acceptable levels, the teacher may continue using the new program so
- 6 long as the test scores of his or her students meet goals.
- 7 The state board shall establish and identify goals as they relate to this section and provide
- 8 instructional material chosen by the teachers.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit classroom teachers to choose different teaching programs if students being taught under an agency-approved teaching program are not producing acceptable test scores.

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