

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4939**

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[Introduced February 11, 2020; Referred to the  
Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18B-10-7a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
 2 relating to senior citizens attending college classes at state institutions without receiving  
 3 college credit; reducing the fee for seniors to attend classes without college credit; and  
 4 changing the age for being deemed a senior citizen.

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

**ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEY COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF  
 HIGHER EDUCATION.**

**§18B-10-7a. Tuition and fee waivers or adjustments for residents at least sixty-five years  
 old.**

1 (a) Each governing board shall promulgate a rule establishing a reduced tuition and fee  
 2 program for senior citizens. The rule shall include at least the following:

3 (1) One option for individuals who attend undergraduate and graduate courses without  
 4 receiving credit and one option for those who attend undergraduate and graduate courses for  
 5 credit;

6 (2) A requirement that the following conditions be met under either option of the program:

7 (A) The participant is a resident of West Virginia;

8 (B) The participant is ~~sixty-five~~ 60 years of age or older; and

9 (C) Classroom space is available;

10 (3) A method of establishing priority for allowing a participant to attend a class or course;

11 (4) A determination of whether to require participants to pay special fees, including  
 12 laboratory fees, if the fees are required of all other students;

13 (5) A determination of whether to require participants to pay for parking;

14 (6) Requirements for participants in the program under the no credit option:

15 (A) A grade or credit may not be given; and

16 (B) The total tuition and fees charged for each course or class, excluding laboratory and

17 parking fees, may not exceed ~~\$50~~ After July 1, 2004, the governing boards may change the  
18 ~~maximum fee~~ \$25; and

19 (7) A requirement for participants in the program under the for credit option that tuition and  
20 fee rates may not exceed ~~fifty percent~~ 50 percent of the normal rates charged to state residents  
21 by the institution.

22 (b) The provisions of this section apply to both classroom-based courses, electronic and  
23 Internet-based courses, and all other distance education delivery.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to decrease the costs for senior citizens to audit state college classes; and reduce the age to be deemed a senior citizen from 65 to 60.

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