

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 833

BY SENATOR CLINE

[Introduced February 17, 2020; referred
to the Committee on Education; and then to the
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-5-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to all county boards of education requiring all schools in the county to have a library; and
 3 requiring all county boards of education require all schools in the county employ a full-time
 4 librarian.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-20. School libraries; librarian.

1 The board ~~may~~ shall provide libraries for its schools and may purchase books, bookcases,
 2 and other things necessary therefor, and shall pay the cost of such libraries out of school funds
 3 of the county. In connection with any such school library, the board ~~may~~ shall employ a full-time
 4 librarian. ~~or may require one of the teachers at the school to serve as a part-time librarian~~ Any
 5 such A full-time librarian or any such teacher-librarian, who holds must possess, by the time the
 6 librarian is scheduled to begin working for a school, a degree in library science based upon the
 7 successful completion of a full year of graduate work at an institution qualified and approved to
 8 offer such degree, and ~~who holds a collegiate elementary, first-class high school, or other~~
 9 ~~certificate of equal rank~~ shall be paid the same salary as is prescribed by law for teachers holding
 10 a master's degree.

11 The board shall have authority to employ during the vacation period, a librarian for any
 12 school having a library of 100 or more volumes, and to pay such librarian out of the school funds
 13 of the county an amount to be determined by the board. Any librarian so appointed shall keep the
 14 library open at least one day a week, at which time the patrons and pupils of the school may draw
 15 books from the library under such rules and regulations for the care and return thereof as the
 16 board may prescribe.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require all schools have a library and to require all schools have a full-time librarian as a member of the staff.

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