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## House Bill 2778

FISCAL NOTE

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Committee on Education then Finance]

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
- 2 designated §18-31-1 and §18-31-2, all relating to creating the Education Tax Credit,
- 3 against taxes actually owed, for qualifying expenses of parents or guardians of children in
- 4 grade levels K through 12.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### ARTICLE 31 EDUCATION TAX CREDITS.

#### §18-31-1. Short title.

1 <u>This article shall be known as the "Education Tax Credit".</u>

#### §18-31-2. Education tax credit; qualifying expenses.

- 1 The parents or legal guardians of each child in the state of West Virginia participating in
- 2 nonpublic schools between the ages 5 and 20 years old and in grade level K through 12 shall be
- 3 entitled to tax credit against West Virginia state income tax in an amount up to three thousand
- 4 dollars for qualifying educational expenses which shall include the following:
- 5 <u>(1) Tuition;</u>
- 6 (2) Transportation costs;
- 7 <u>(3) Curriculum;</u>
- 8 <u>(4) Text books;</u>
- 9 <u>(5) Lab supplies;</u>
- 10 (6) Educational technology; and
- 11 <u>(7) Tutoring</u>
- 12 This tax credit is available only as a credit against state taxes actually owed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to give a tax credit against taxes actually owed, for qualifying expenses of parents or guardians of children in grade levels K through 12.

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