

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 585

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[Introduced March 5, 2021; referred
to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18-2-7g, relating to requiring the State Board of Education to develop a
 3 program of instruction in home economics, or specific subjects within home economics,
 4 that may be integrated into the curriculum for students in secondary schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-7g. Program in home economics.

1 (a) The Legislature finds and declares that:

2 (1) Persons with an understanding of family and consumer sciences are better prepared
 3 to perform everyday activities such as cooking, sewing, house cleaning, minor home repair,
 4 budgeting, and time management;

5 (2) Possessing these skills would go a long way to help students have more successful
 6 lives as independent human beings; and

7 (3) Providing a family and consumer sciences course in secondary schools in West
 8 Virginia will prepare students to handle their everyday life issues.

9 (b) To provide students a basic familiarity with those issues, the state board shall develop
 10 a program of instruction in family and consumer sciences, or specific subjects within family and
 11 consumer sciences, that may be integrated into the curriculum for students in secondary schools.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the State Board of Education to create and provide a course in family and consumer sciences in secondary schools ensuring that students have a basic familiarity with those subjects.

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