

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 2314

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on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new
 2 sections, designated §18A-4-2d and §18A-4-4a, all relating to teacher salary
 3 enhancement; requiring that to qualify for certain additional salary provisions, the teacher’s
 4 earned master’s degree or graduate work toward or following obtaining a master’s degree,
 5 shall be in the field in which the teacher is teaching.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. SALARIES, WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS.

§18A-4-2d. Master’s degree or work toward a master’s degree in teaching field required to receive certain salary increase.

1 In order to receive additional salary as specified in §18A-4-2 of this code for having
 2 completed an increment of work toward a master’s degree, for obtaining the degree, or for work
 3 following the degree, the teacher shall have completed the work in the field in which the teacher
 4 is teaching.

§18A-4-4a. Work required in specialized field to qualify for advanced salary classification.

1 In order to qualify for advanced salary classification provided in §18A-4-4 of this code, the
 2 teacher shall have earned the additional semester hours or completed the degree in the
 3 specialized field.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that teachers have advanced credit hours in work toward or completion of a master’s degree in their teaching field in order to receive additional salary for master’s degree work.

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