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House Bill 2753

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-2D-1, §18-2D-2, §18-2D-3, and §18-2D-4 of the Code of West
 2 Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to require the implementation of community
 3 education programs throughout the state to facilitate the providing of educational,
 4 recreational, cultural, social, health and other community services to all of the people of
 5 the community.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2D. COMMUNITY EDUCATION.

§18-2D-1. Legislative findings and purpose.

1 The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the public school system in any community
 2 is most effective when it involves and serves all of the people of that community and not just the
 3 kindergarten, elementary and secondary school students of that community; and that community
 4 education promotes a more efficient use of community facilities through an extension of buildings,
 5 personnel, and equipment. In recognition of these findings and declarations, it is hereby declared
 6 to be the purpose of this article to facilitate the providing of educational, recreational, cultural,
 7 social, health and other community services, in accordance with the needs, interests and
 8 concerns of the community, through the establishment of community education programs, in
 9 cooperation with other governmental agencies and community service organizations, including
 10 allocating funds to educate, our senior citizens, adults without high school degrees, those persons
 11 without sufficient income to otherwise use these services, through community programs with
 12 Information on estate planning, healthcare, prescriptions, and other available existing services as
 13 described in §18-2D-2 of this code.

§18-2D-2. Definition.

1 For the purpose of this article “community education” means a process by which public
 2 facilities in a community are utilized as community centers operated in conjunction with
 3 governmental agencies and community service organizations to provide educational, including,
 4 but not limited to, with information on estate planning, driver education courses, recreational,

5 cultural, social, health, healthcare, prescriptions, and other community services for all persons in
 6 ~~such~~ the community in accordance with the needs, interests, and concerns of ~~such~~ the
 7 community.

§18-2D-3. Implementation and operation of programs.

1 The state Board of Education shall promote the implementation and required operation of
 2 community education programs throughout the state, and shall, by rules ~~and regulations~~
 3 promulgated pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code, provide for the
 4 government and supervision of such programs.

§18-2D-4. County boards of education authorized to participate.

1 Each county board of education in this state ~~is hereby authorized, but not obligated, to~~
 2 shall coordinate a community education program within its county.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the implementation of community education programs throughout the state to facilitate the providing of educational, recreational, cultural, social, health and other community services to all of the people of the community.

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