

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 2497

By Delegates Kimble, Phillips, McGeehan, Kirby,
Horst, Burkhammer, C. Pritt, Mazzocchi, Fast and
Ridenour

[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources then
Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18B-14-12, relating to prohibiting colleges and universities in West Virginia
3 from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine or booster shots associated with the COVID-19
4 vaccine as a prerequisite for attending in-person classes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 14. MISCELLANEOUS.

§18B-14-12. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters as prerequisite for attendance prohibited.

1 No college or university in West Virginia may require a student to take the COVID-19
2 vaccine, or booster shot associated with the COVID-19 vaccine, as a prerequisite for attending in-
3 person classes.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit colleges and universities in West Virginia from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine or associated booster shot as a prerequisite for attending in-person class.

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