

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 222

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[Originating in the Committee on Education; reported
on January 26, 2023]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18-5-19e, relating to requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to create
3 a taskforce to consider options for direct funding of adult education learning centers;
4 declaring legislative findings; providing for membership and meetings of the taskforce; and
5 establishing deadlines for the taskforce to be created and begin its meetings and for
6 submitting a report of recommendations to the Legislature.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-19e. Adult education taskforce.

1 (a) The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) While adult learning centers are part of the West Virginia Department of Education,
3 that department is not obligated to fund these adult learning centers;

4 (2) Funding for adult learning centers derives its income from many areas without any
5 regularity;

6 (3) A taskforce to study and consider funding options, the existing funding sources, and
7 the best approach to provide direct funding for the adult learning centers would stabilize the
8 regularity of funding these centers.

9 (b) The State Superintendent shall establish in the West Virginia Department of Education
10 a taskforce to consider options for direct funding of adult education learning centers.

11 (c) The taskforce shall include at a minimum the State Superintendent, or a designee of
12 the State Superintendent, the head of the adult education learning centers, and geographically
13 diverse representatives from the community, including, but not limited to, representation from
14 business and the community college system, appointed by the State Superintendent.

15 (d) The State Superintendent shall determine the number of members of the taskforce and
16 eligibility to serve.

17 (e) The meetings of the taskforce shall be open to the public and follow the Open
18 Governmental Meetings Act.

19 (f) The taskforce shall be created and begin its meetings on or before July 1, 2023, and
20 submit a report of recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2023.