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House Bill 4821

By Delegate Dillon

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to the Committee on Education]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5F-7, relating to requiring certain standards for virtual students in West Virginia public schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

article 5F. accessibility and equity in public education enhancement act.

§18-5F-7. Requirements for virtual classroom curricula.

(a) The Legislature finds that the needs of virtual students are unique and separate from in-person classroom students, particularly when virtual students are using online curricula which are distinct from the classroom curricula.

(b) West Virginia public schools utilizing online curricula as virtual enrollment options must create dedicated and distinct classes in the school master schedule for classroom teachers to manage such virtual classes, unless online instruction is conducted synchronously and simultaneously with physical classroom through a live video conferencing application.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require certain standards for virtual students in West Virginia public schools.

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