

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5078**

By Delegates Kimble, Riley, Petitto, Marple,  
Mazzocchi, Warner, Jeffries, Ferrell, Kelly, Statler, and  
Willis

[Introduced January 25, 2024; Referred to the  
Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18C-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to including Salem University as a program wherein the PROMISE Scholarship is  
 3 accepted.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 7. WEST VIRGINIA PROVIDING REAL OPPORTUNITIES FORMAXIMIZING  
 IN-STATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPPROGRAM.**

**§18C-7-3. Definitions.**

1 (a) General. — For the purposes of this article, terms have the meaning ascribed to them in  
 2 §18C-1-2 of this code, unless the context in which the term is used clearly requires a different  
 3 meaning or a specific definition is provided in this section.

4 (b) Definitions. — (1) "Eligible institution" means:

5 (A) A state institution of higher education as defined in §18B-1-2 of this code;

6 (B) ~~Alderson-Broadus University~~, Appalachian Bible College, Bethany College, Davis and  
 7 Elkins College, the University of Charleston, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Salem University,  
 8 and Wheeling University, all in West Virginia. Any institution listed in this subdivision ceases to be  
 9 an eligible institution if it meets either of the following conditions:

10 (i) It loses regional accreditation; or

11 (ii) It changes its status as a private, not-for-profit institution;

12 (C) West Virginia Junior College; and

13 (D) Any other public or private regionally accredited institution in this state approved by the  
 14 commission.

15 (2) "Tuition" means the quarter, semester or term charges imposed by an eligible state  
 16 institution of higher education and, additionally, all mandatory fees required as a condition of  
 17 enrollment by all students. For the purposes of this article, the following conditions apply:

18 (A) West Virginia University, Potomac State College and West Virginia University Institute

19 of Technology are considered separate institutions for purposes of determining tuition rates; and

20 (B) The tuition amount paid by undergraduate health sciences students at West Virginia  
21 University is considered to be the same as the amount of tuition paid by all other West Virginia  
22 University undergraduate students.

23 (3) "Enrolled" means either currently enrolled or in the process of enrolling in an eligible  
24 institution.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to include Salem University in the PROMISE Scholarship program.

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