

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

Enrolled

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 503

By Senators Grady, Taylor, Maynard, Roberts, Deeds,
Azinger, and Rucker

[Passed March 8, 2024; in effect 90 days from
passage]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §18B-20-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to prohibiting state institutions of higher education from discriminating against
3 student organizations which limit membership to those persons who adhere to the
4 organization's sincerely held beliefs, comply with the organization's standards of conduct,
5 and further the organization's mission, expression, or purpose.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 20. FREE EXPRESSION ON CAMPUS.

§18B-20-5. Freedom of association and nondiscrimination against students and student organizations.

1 A state institution of higher education may not deny a religious, political, or ideological
2 student organization any benefit or privilege generally available to other student organizations, or
3 otherwise discriminate against the organization based on a requirement of the organization that its
4 leaders and members:

- 5 (1) Affirm and adhere to the organization's sincerely held beliefs;
- 6 (2) Comply with the organization's standards of conduct; and
- 7 (3) Further the organization's mission, expression, or purpose.