

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 860

By Senator Rucker

[Introduced February 19, 2024; referred
to the Committee on School Choice; and then to the
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §18-5G-14a, relating to creating alternative high-risk population public charter
3 schools; describing students of said schools; and scheduling data computation for school
4 enrollment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5G. PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.

§18-5G-14a. Alternative high-risk population public charter schools.

1 (a) Alternative high-risk population public charter schools may be authorized pursuant to
2 this article. To be eligible for an alternative high-risk population public charter school, the school
3 must have an unduplicated count of at least 70 percent of their total enrollment, upon first entry to
4 the school, comprised of high-risk students and obtain approval from the Charter School Board
5 certifying the school meets the criteria. "High Risk" students including the following:

- 6 (1) Students who have been expelled;
- 7 (2) Students who have been suspended more than 10 days in a school year;
- 8 (3) Wards of the court or dependents of the court;
- 9 (4) Students who are pregnant and/or parenting;
- 10 (5) Recovered dropouts;
- 11 (6) Students who are habitually truant;
- 12 (7) Students who have been retained more than once in kindergarten through grade eight;
- 13 (8) Students who are credit deficient;
- 14 (9) Students who have a high-level transiency such as being enrolled in more than two
15 schools during the past academic year or have changed secondary schools more than two times
16 since entering high school;
- 17 (10) Foster youth; and
- 18 (11) Homeless youth.

19 (b) Data used in the computations relating to net and adjusted enrollment, and the number

20 of professional educators, shall be performed three times a year to determine the basic foundation
21 program for that fiscal year as determined in §18-9A-12 of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create alternative high-risk population public charter schools and permit an enrollment count of three times a year for funding purposes.

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