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**NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE**

AGENCY: West Virginia Board of Education TITLE NUMBER: 126  
RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY 18-2-5, 18-2-7, 18-2-9,  
18-5-15d, 18-5-34  
AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED: 50 A (Policy 2422.4)

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Aids Education Policy

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON June 1, 1989 AT 9:00 a.m.

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

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THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.

*Barbara L. Estep*

April 19, 1989

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

TITLE 126  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CHAPTER 18-2  
SERIES 50 (2422.4)

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TITLE: AIDS EDUCATION POLICY

Section 1

General

- 1.1 Scope - This legislative rule requires establishment of county policies related to AIDS education.
- 1.2 Authority - WV Code §18-2-5, 18-2-7, 18-2-9, 18-5-15d, 18-5-34
- 1.3 Filing Date - January 9, 1989
- 1.4 Effective Date - July 1, 1989.
- 1.5 Repeal of Former Rule - none - This is a new policy.

Section 2

Applicability

Effective July 1, 1989 each of the fifty-five county boards of education will include AIDS prevention education in subject areas where it is appropriate such as health, science, developmental guidance, and social studies. The goal of this policy is to assist in the protection of students by providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to avoid behaviors that will put them at risk of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

The rapid spread of this disease makes it necessary to develop policy that will assure that effective AIDS prevention programs are in place.

Section 3

Components

The following components shall be addressed in each county board policy:

- 3.1 The integration of AIDS prevention education into current programs of study such as health, science, developmental guidance and social studies at all appropriate grade levels.

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- 3.2 Provision for all school staff to receive inservice training about:
  - 3.2.1 the nature of the AIDS epidemic and means of controlling its spread
  - 3.2.2 the role of the school in providing education to prevent transmission.
- 3.3 Assurance that educational personnel responsible for classroom instruction receive staff development that will enable them to implement effective AIDS prevention education programs.
- 3.3 Assurance that the programs be taught by qualified professionals who periodically participate in staff development activities that will provide current information related to AIDS education.
- 3.4 Assurance that the program is comprehensive and provides not only knowledge about the disease AIDS, but also has a focus on behaviors and skills necessary to prevent exposure to the virus. Guidelines, such as those published by the Centers for Disease Control in the January 29, 1988, MMWR, should be used in curriculum development.
- 3.5 Assurance that high school students, who have completed the health and science course requirement for graduation, receive appropriate AIDS prevention education.
- 3.6 Assurance that parents or guardians may attend staff development.
- 3.7 Provision for parents/guardians to examine curricular materials and exempt their child from AIDS instruction by giving written notice to the principal.

#### Section 4

##### Policy Implementation

- 4.1 Each county should seek assistance of school leaders and community representatives in developing appropriate curricula.
- 4.2 A completed comprehensive health education curriculum, which includes AIDS education, is to be submitted to the State Superintendent of Schools by July 1, 1989.
- 4.3 Inclusion of AIDS education in curricular areas such as science, social studies and developmental guidance is warranted to assure total understanding of the disease and its consequences.
- 4.4 Technical assistance in curriculum development and staff development will be provided by the West Virginia Department of Education upon request.

NOTE: The following document is recommended for use in policy development and curriculum design.

Guidelines for Effective School Health Education to Prevent the Spread of AIDS. MMWR. Vol. 37: No. S-2 Supplement. January 29, 1988. (Published by Centers for Disease Control, Center for Health Promotion and Education. Atlanta, GA 30333)