



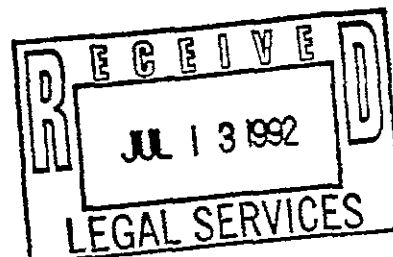


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West Virginia Department of Education

Capitol Complex, Charleston 25305

Henry R. Marockie, State Superintendent of Schools



TO: Basil Legg  
Director of Legal Services

FROM: Steve Priestley *SP*  
Assistant Division Chief

RE: Filing of Emergency Policy Revision/Policy 8223

DATE: July 13, 1992

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It is respectfully requested that the Secretary of State approve this policy revision as an emergency rule as provided for in West Virginia Code §29A-3-15 in order for eligible counties to obtain additional funding. The 1992 Legislature appropriated \$500,000 to be distributed during the 1992/93 year to assist affected counties in providing services to students.

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TITLE 126  
WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CHAPTER 18-9A-5  
SERIES 206  
POLICY 8223

Title: Basic State Aid: Waiver of 34/1000 and Growth Limitation of School Service Personnel

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Section 1. General

- 1.1 These rules establish regulations and procedures for receiving a waiver for the maximum ratio of thirty-four service personnel per one thousand students in adjusted enrollment and the twenty percent per year growth cap based on student population density and miles of bus routes driven.
- 1.2 Authority - 18-9A-5
- 1.3 Filing Date -
- 1.4 Effective Date -

Section 2. Definitions

- 2.1 The Density/Mileage Factor shall be the county's regular annual bus miles per pupil divided by into the county's student population density.
- 2.2 Student Population Density shall be the county's second month net enrollment divided by the total square miles per county.

Section 3. Waiver for Service Personnel which Exceed the 34/1000 Limit

- 3.1 All counties below a density/mileage factor of .05 shall be allowed one extra employee per 1,000 students in adjusted enrollment for each .01 that their density/mileage factor falls below the density/mileage factor of .05. No county shall receive a waiver for more employees than is allowed by the net enrollment limitation after it is adjusted for the density/mileage factor in proportion to the adjustment for the 34/1000 limit.

Section 4. Growth Limitation Waiver for Service Personnel

- 4.1 All counties below the density/mileage factor of .05 for student population density and miles of regular bus routes driven shall receive a full waiver of the 20% growth limitation.

Section 4. Procedure

- 4.1 If funds are appropriated, then by July 1 of the year to be funded, each county that is eligible for a waiver of the 34/1000 or the growth limitation of school service personnel should apply to the state superintendent.
- 4.2 No county may receive a retroactive waiver or a waiver for the current year unless there is a special appropriation from the Legislature for this purpose.
- 4.3 If partial funding is received, the funds will be prorated among the eligible counties.

Section 5. Calculation of Basic State Aid

- 5.1 The additional personnel added through the waivers shall not be counted in the Basic Resources Formula for computing Step 7.

## FISCAL NOTE WORKSHEET

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HD NO \_\_\_\_\_ DRAFT NO \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO \_\_\_\_\_ RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

State Bd. of Ed. Policy 8223 (Revised)

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_ FUND \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE OF REVENUE:  GENERAL FUND  SPECIAL  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

COST ESTIMATE BASED ON:  AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE  BUDGET BILL  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

INCOME ESTIMATE BASED ON:  AN ORIGINAL ESTIMATE  BUDGET BILL  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW OVER-ALL EFFECT IN ITEMS 1 AND 2 AND IN ITEM 3 GIVE EXPLANATION OF BREAKDOWN BY FISCAL YEAR INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT

| EFFECT OF PROPOSAL          | ANNUAL   |          | FISCAL YEAR |      |            |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|------|------------|
|                             | INCREASE | DECREASE | CURRENT     | NEXT | THEREAFTER |
| 1. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST     | \$       | \$       | \$          | \$ 0 | \$ 0       |
| PERSONAL SERVICES           | \$       | \$       | \$          | \$   | \$         |
| CURRENT EXPENSES            |          |          |             |      |            |
| REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS     |          |          |             |      |            |
| EQUIPMENT                   |          |          |             |      |            |
| OTHER                       |          |          |             | 0    | 0          |
| 2. ESTIMATED TOTAL REVENUES | \$       | \$       | \$          | \$ 0 | \$ 0       |

3. EXPLANATION OF ABOVE ESTIMATES (INCLUDING LONG-RANGE EFFECT):

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This policy revision does not result in any costs to the State. However, the Legislature has appropriated \$500,000 to be prorated among eligible counties during 1992/93.

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Comment Log  
Waiver of 34/1000 and  
Growth Limitations of School Service Personnel

Directions: Please use this form in commenting on the Waiver of 34/1000 and Growth Limitations of School Service Personnel.

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| SECTION  | COMMENT |
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| General Comments:  |         |
| Section 2:<br><u>Definitions</u>   |         |
| Section 3:<br><u>Waiver for Service Personnel which Exceed the 34/1000 Limit</u> |         |
| Section 4:<br><u>Procedure</u>   |         |
| Section 5<br><u>Calculation of Basic State Aid</u>                               |         |

Please submit comments by August 17, 1992 to:

Steve Priestley, Assistant Division Chief, WV Department of Education; 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East, Building 6, Room B-215, Charleston, WV 25305-0001

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## Executive Summary

### §18-9A-5 Waiver of 34/1000 and Growth Limitations of School Service Personnel

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to implement §18-9A-5 so that county superintendents can request a waiver to the thirty-four service personnel per one thousand students in adjusted enrollment and the twenty percent per year growth cap when student population density and miles of bus routes driven justify it. Counties with net balances in the general current expense funds greater than three percent at the end of the fiscal year would not be eligible for the waiver.

#### Background:

State statute funds service personnel on a ratio of thirty-four service personnel per one thousand students in adjusted enrollment. Counties with sparse population and large geographical areas spend more on bus drivers, for example, than densely populated small counties. The funding formula does not differentiate between counties. This provision of §18-9A-5 was passed so that a fair and appropriate allowance would be made for sparsely populated counties.

#### IMPACT:

Leadership/Administrative: Counties with a sparse population would be eligible for more service personnel, so they can better meet the needs of students.

Financial: The Legislature appropriated \$500,000 for the 1992-93 school year for the purpose of funding approved waivers to the thirty-four per thousand students in adjusted enrollment and the twenty percent per year growth cap as provided for in §18-9A-5.

A legislative appropriation of \$1,170,636 was requested based on data for the 1992/93 School Aid Formula. The actual appropriation of \$500,000 will be prorated among eligible counties.

Instructional: Counties will have sufficient bus drivers to transport students to school. Local monies previously used for service positions that might have been allocated for this purpose will be available for instruction.

Societal: This policy allows for more equitable distribution of service personnel.

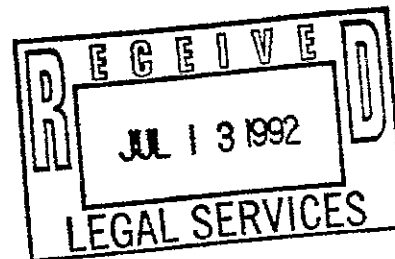
Political: Since the law limits eligibility to counties with no more than three percent net balance, sparsely populated counties with more than three percent net balance in the general current expense fund might spend monies they might not otherwise spend just to lower the net balance.

Economic: More equitable funding of service personnel in sparsely populated counties provides for more balanced delivery of services statewide.

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The West Virginia Board of Education is committed to providing rural counties the opportunity to employ additional bus operators to assist in transporting children to school in compliance with West Virginia Code 18-9A-5. This policy is established to provide a waiver to qualifying counties to employ more than the 34/1000 service personnel to meet the transportation needs of the students.

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