

### **HB2778 Tax Credit Bill for Homeschoolers**

Creates a tax credit against West Virginia state income tax in an amount up to three thousand dollars for qualifying educational expenses. This is for parents of students participating in non-public schools (K-12).

Status: Referred to House Education Committee; House Finance Committee would follow.  
(Sponsors: Foster, Steele, Jeffries, Smith, Linville, G. Ward, Burkhammer, Hardy, Jennings, Hanna, Ellington)

### **HB2584 “Raylee’s Law”**

Prohibits homeschool exemption if there is a *pending investigation* of a parent or guardian for child abuse or neglect. (While the bill may be well intended, it bypasses due process for a parent – a mere unfounded accusation by anyone could disqualify a family from homeschooling until an investigation occurs and they are shown to be innocent.)

Status: Referred to House Education Committee; House Judiciary Committee would follow.  
(Sponsors: Fluharty and Clark)

### **HB2367 Homeschool Diploma Recognition Act**

Complements the existing “Diploma Fairness Law” for homeschoolers passed in 2015. This bill would create a new section in the law further clarifying that the parent can legally execute any document to evidence the enrollment of a child in an educational program.

Status: Referred to House Education Committee  
Sponsors: Foster, Espinosa, Hanna, Smith, Burkhammer, and Hardy

### **HB3017 Annual Academic Assessment Removal**

Removes testing and portfolio requirements for homeschooled students.

Status: Referred to House Education Committee  
(Sponsors: Pritt, Mandt)

### **SB 541 Assessment First Year of Homeschooling**

Requires assessment submission the first year of homeschooling. If acceptable progress is achieved, no further submissions are required.

Status: Referred to Senate Education Committee  
(Sponsor: Azinger)

### **SB 268 Learning Pods and Microschools**

Creates a new exemption from compulsory school attendance for a child who participates in a “learning pod” or “microschool”. (This is different from homeschooling, but might be of general interest.)  
(Sponsors: Grady, Rucker, Smith, and Roberts)

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