Resolution Urging the State of West Virginia to Stabilize the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA)

WHEREAS, the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) provides vital healthcare benefits to public employees in West Virginia, including teachers, school staff, and administrators who serve in public schools throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, a well-funded and sustainable PEIA is essential for attracting and retaining qualified educators and school personnel, ensuring that West Virginia's children receive the highest quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, the recent financial instability of PEIA has led to increasing costs for public employees, diminishing their take-home pay and placing an undue burden on those who are critical to the functioning of our educational system; and

WHEREAS, the State of West Virginia has a responsibility to adequately support the public education system, which includes ensuring affordable and reliable healthcare benefits for all public school employees; and

WHEREAS, the failure to stabilize PEIA threatens not only the wellbeing of public employees but also the effectiveness and stability of public education in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, this county Board of Education believes that it is in the best interest of our students, employees, and communities that the state government take immediate action to stabilize PEIA to prevent further cost increases and reductions in benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabell County Board of Education hereby urges the West Virginia State Legislature and the Governor to stabilize the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), ensuring that the program remains sustainable, affordable, and equitable for all public employees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cabell County Board of Education calls upon all other county Boards of Education, state agencies, and public entities to join in supporting this resolution and advocating for the stabilization of PEIA;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of West Virginia, the President of the West Virginia State Senate, the Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, and local legislative representatives to emphasize the importance of immediate action in to stabilize PEIA for West Virginia's public employees and educators.

Adopted this 6 December	, 2024 by the Cabell County Board of Education.
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