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(By Delegates Miley, Barker, Susman, Ellem, Schadler, Ferro, Brown, Longstreth, Moore and Ross)

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AN ACT to repeal §48-27-803 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §48-27-206 of said code, all relating generally to the prevention and treatment of domestic violence; removing provisions prohibiting the sharing of information with other governments and law-enforcement agencies; and broadening the definition of "law-enforcement agency" for the purpose of sharing information with the federal government and its agencies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §48-27-803 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be repealed; and that §48-27-206 of said code, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

## ARTICLE 27. PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

§48-27-206. Law-enforcement agency defined.

1 (a) "Law-enforcement agency" means and is limited to:

- 2 (1) The state police and its members;
- 3 (2) A county sheriff and his or her law-enforcement 4 deputies; and
- 5 (3) A police department in any municipality as defined in 6 section two, article one, chapter eight of this code;
- 7 (4) Any federal agency whose purpose includes 8 enforcement, maintenance and gathering of information of 9 both criminal and civil records relating to domestic violence 10 under federal law.
- 11 (b) The term "law-enforcement agency" includes, but is 12 not limited to, the Department of Health and Human 13 Resources in those instances of child abuse reported to the 14 department that are not otherwise reported to any other law-15 enforcement agency.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the	
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