

H. B. 2184

(By Delegate Rodighiero)

[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §31-20-27 of the Code of West Virginia,  
1931, as amended, relating to salary increase for Regional  
Jail Authority employees of \$5,000 paid over a three-year  
period.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §31-20-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 20. WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
AUTHORITY.**

**§31-20-27. ~~Employees of Regional Jail Authority;~~ Correctional  
officers; regional jails; priority of hiring; civil  
service coverage.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the  
contrary, the authority, when hiring employees to complete the

1 approved staffing plan of a regional jail shall do so at a salary  
2 and with benefits consistent with the approved plan of compensation  
3 of the Division of Personnel, created under section five, article  
4 six, chapter twenty-nine of this code: Provided, That effective  
5 July 1, 2010, all employees of the Regional Jail Authority shall  
6 receive a \$5,000 salary increase, phased in over a three-year  
7 period, payable in equal monthly installments. All persons  
8 employed under this subsection shall be placed in the civil service  
9 system as covered employees. On and after January 1, 2009, the  
10 executive director of the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility  
11 Authority; all employees within the office of the executive  
12 director and all regional jail administrators are exempt from  
13 coverage under the classified service.

14 (b) Persons employed under the provisions of this subsection  
15 shall be employed at a salary and with benefits consistent with the  
16 approved plan of compensation of the Division of Personnel, created  
17 under section five, article six, chapter twenty-nine of this code.  
18 All persons employed under this subsection shall also be covered by  
19 the policies and procedures of the West Virginia Public Employees  
20 Grievance Board created under section one, article three, chapter  
21 six-c of this code.

22 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section ten, article  
23 six, chapter twenty-nine of this code, and any rule promulgated  
24 thereunder, on and after the July 1, 2007, any person applying for

1 employment with the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility  
2 Authority shall be hired based on passage of the correctional  
3 officer examination without regard to his or her position on the  
4 correctional officer register and shall be placed in the civil  
5 service system as covered employees: *Provided*, That no such person  
6 shall be hired before an otherwise qualified person on a preference  
7 register.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant a salary increase for Regional Jail Authority employees of \$5,000 to be paid over a three-year period.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.