

H. B. 2425

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[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
Committee on Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §5-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia,
1931, as amended, relating to requiring reports to the
Governor from state agencies to be made available
electronically via the Internet.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §5-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. THE GOVERNOR.

**§5-1-20. Reports to the Governor; form and contents; transmission
to the Legislature; special reports.**

(a) The secretaries of the executive department and the
officers of all public institutions of the state shall make an
annual report to the Governor as soon as possible after the close
of each fiscal year, notwithstanding any other provision of law to
the contrary.

(b) All state officers, boards, commissions, departments and

1 institutions required by law to make reports to the Governor, the
2 Legislature or any administrative board or state official shall
3 cover fiscal year periods.

4 (c) Annual reports shall be submitted in typewritten form, any
5 legible form produced by mechanical means, on electronic media, to
6 be filed in the same manner as a printed annual report, or
7 transmitted electronically via the Internet. Any annual report
8 filed in an electronic format shall be considered as having
9 satisfied the filing requirements.

10 (d) The Governor shall by executive order prescribe the
11 general contents of the reports to be submitted to him or her. The
12 form and format of the reports shall be as prescribed in this code.

13 (e) The Governor shall transmit, and may do so electronically,
14 copies of the report to the Legislature and provide a copy of all
15 such reports with the Division of Archives and History where the
16 reports shall be kept as permanent records. All such final reports
17 shall be made available for electronic access via the Internet.

18 (f) All annual reports to the Legislature shall be submitted
19 ~~and may do so electronically,~~ to the Legislative Librarian and may
20 be submitted electronically.

21 (g) The Governor may at any time require information in
22 writing, under oath, from any officer, board, department or
23 commission of the executive department or the principal officer or
24 manager of any state institution, upon any subject relating to the

1 condition, management and expense of their respective offices or
2 institutions.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require reports to the Governor from state agencies to be made available electronically via the Internet.

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