

Senate Bill No. 589

(By Senator Palumbo)

[Introduced February 21, 2011; referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
adding thereto a new section, designated §27-5-2a, relating
to hiring of permanent full-time and part-time mental
hygiene commissioners by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
by adding thereto a new section, designated §27-5-2a, to read as
follows:

ARTICLE 5. INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION.

§27-5-2a. Full-time and part-time mental hygiene commissioners.

(a) The Supreme Court of Appeals, in consultation with the
chief judge, may hire permanent full-time or part-time mental
hygiene commissioners in judicial circuits that have extensive
mental hygiene and guardianship and conservatorship case loads
and billable hours. The salary, benefits and job description are

1 to be determined by the Supreme Court of Appeals and shall be
2 commensurate with legal professionals of similar experience and
3 stature.

4 (b) Notwithstanding the creation of full-time and part-time
5 mental hygiene commissioners in this section, the remaining
6 provisions of this article apply to mental hygiene commissioners.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is permit the West Virginia
Supreme Court of Appeals to create full-time and part-time mental
hygiene commissioner positions.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and
underscoring have been omitted.