

# H. B. 2791

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Committee on Finance.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §15-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the superintendent of the State Police to develop a plan to increase the number of troopers to a minimum of eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2015.

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

That §15-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

## **ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE.**

### **§15-2-3. State police structure; how established.**

1       The superintendent shall create, appoint and equip the  
2 State Police which shall consist of the number of troops,  
3 districts and detachments required for the proper  
4 administration of the State Police. Each troop, district or  
5 detachment shall be composed of the number of officers and  
6 members the superintendent determines are necessary to  
7 meet operational needs and are required for the efficient  
8 operation of the State Police. The superintendent shall  
9 develop a program to enable the state to attain a minimum  
10 number of eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2015. The  
11 superintendent shall establish the general organizational  
12 structure of the State Police by interpretive rule in  
13 accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter  
14 twenty-nine-a of this code. The superintendent shall provide  
15 adequate facilities for the training of all members of the State  
16 Police and shall prescribe basic training requirements for  
17 newly enlisted members. He or she shall also provide  
18 advanced or in-service training from time to time for all  
19 members of the State Police. The superintendent shall hold

20 training classes for other peace officers in the state without  
21 cost to those officers, except actual expenses for food,  
22 lodging and school supplies.

NOTE: This bill requires the superintendent of the State Police to develop a plan to increase the number of troopers to a minimum of eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2015.

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