

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

**H. B. 4581**

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(BY DELEGATES POORE AND FRAZIER)

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(Originating in the Committee on Finance)  
[February 23, 2012]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §15-9A-4, relating to establishing a special revenue account designated as the Fund for Civil Legal Services for Low Income Persons; establishing potential sources of funding; and authorizing the Director of the Division of Justice and Community Services to make grants to nonprofit agencies which provide civil legal services to low income persons.

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

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto to a new section, designated §15-9A-4, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 9A. DIVISION OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

**§15-9A-4. Fund for civil legal services for low income persons.**

1        (a) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a  
2        special revenue account, designated as the “Fund for Civil  
3        Legal Services for Low Income Persons,” which shall consist  
4        of all gifts, grants, bequests, transfers, appropriations or other  
5        donations or payments which may be received by the  
6        Division of Justice and Community Services from any  
7        governmental entity or unit or any person, firm, foundation,  
8        or corporation for the purposes of this section, and all interest  
9        or other return earned from investment of the  
10       fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by the  
11       Director and shall be limited to grants to nonprofit agencies  
12       which provide civil legal services to low income persons  
13       made at his or her discretion. Any balance in the fund at the  
14       end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general revenue  
15       fund but shall remain in the fund and be expended as  
16       provided by this section.