

1 **Senate Bill No. 13**

2 (By Senator Stollings)

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4 [Introduced January 8, 2014; referred to the Committee on the  
5 Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to modifying funding assistance  
12 from the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority; and  
13 changing the definition of facilities that are eligible for  
14 funding assistance from courthouse facilities that are  
15 occupied by county or judicial officials to ones that are  
16 currently owned and occupied by those officials or upon  
17 renovation will be owned and occupied by those officials.

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

19 That §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
20 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

21 **ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT**  
22 **AUTHORITY.**

1 **§29-26-2. Definitions.**

2 The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this  
3 article, have the following meaning:

4 (a) "Approved modifications or construction of courthouse  
5 facilities" means any modification or construction of a courthouse  
6 facility which has been recommended for assistance by the authority  
7 according to the requirements of section four of this article;

8 (b) "Authority" means the West Virginia courthouse facilities  
9 improvement authority;

10 (c) "Cost" means the cost of construction, renovation, repair  
11 and safety upgrading of courthouse facilities; the cost of land,  
12 equipment, machinery, furnishings, installation of utilities and  
13 other similar items convenient in connection with placing a  
14 courthouse facility in operation; and the cost of financing,  
15 interest during construction, professional service fees and all  
16 other charges or expenses necessary, appurtenant or incidental to  
17 the modification or construction of a courthouse facility; and

18 (d) "Courthouse facility" means buildings or structures which  
19 are currently owned and occupied or upon renovation will be owned  
20 and occupied exclusively by offices of county and judicial  
21 officials or by courtrooms, county jails or detention centers.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify funding assistance

from the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority. The bill changes the definition of facilities that are eligible for funding assistance from courthouse facilities that are occupied by county or judicial officials to ones that are currently owned and occupied by those officials or upon renovation will be owned and occupied by those officials.

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