

H. B. 2245

(By Delegate Rodighiero)

[Introduced January 23, 2015; referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.]

**FISCAL
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §31-20-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to salary increase for Regional Jail Authority employees of \$5,000 paid over a three-year period.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §31-20-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 20. WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
AUTHORITY.**

**§31-20-27. ~~Employees of Regional Jail Authority;~~ Correctional officers; regional jails;
priority of hiring; civil service coverage.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the authority, when hiring employees to complete the approved staffing plan of a regional jail shall do so at a salary and with benefits consistent with the approved plan of compensation of the Division of Personnel, created

1 under section five, article six, chapter twenty-nine of this code. However, effective July 1, 2015, all
2 employees of the Regional Jail Authority shall receive a \$5,000 salary increase, phased in over a
3 three-year period, payable in equal monthly installments. All persons employed under this
4 subsection shall be placed in the civil service system as covered employees. On and after January
5 1, 2009, the executive director of the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority; all
6 employees within the office of the executive director and all regional jail administrators are exempt
7 from coverage under the classified service.

8 (b) Persons employed under the provisions of this subsection shall be employed at a salary
9 and with benefits consistent with the approved plan of compensation of the Division of Personnel,
10 created under section five, article six, chapter twenty-nine of this code. All persons employed under
11 this subsection shall also be covered by the policies and procedures of the West Virginia Public
12 Employees Grievance Board created under section one, article three, chapter six-c of this code.

13 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section ten, article six, chapter twenty-nine of this
14 code, and any rule promulgated thereunder, on and after the July 1, 2007, any person applying for
15 employment with the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority shall be hired based on
16 passage of the correctional officer examination without regard to his or her position on the
17 correctional officer register and shall be placed in the civil service system as covered employees:
18 *Provided*, That no such person shall be hired before an otherwise qualified person on a preference
19 register.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant a salary increase for Regional Jail Authority employees of \$5,000 to be paid over a three-year period.

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