

**H. B. 2452**

(By Delegates Ferro, Fluharty, Hornbuckle and Trecoast)

[Introduced January 28, 2015; referred to the

Committee on Government Organization.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §5-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring reports to the Governor from state agencies to be made available electronically via the Internet.

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

That §5-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. THE GOVERNOR.**

**§5-1-20. Reports to the Governor; form and contents; transmission to the Legislature; special reports.**

(a) The secretaries of the executive department and the officers of all public institutions of the state shall make an annual report to the Governor as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary.

(b) All state officers, boards, commissions, departments and institutions required by law to

1 make reports to the Governor, the Legislature or any administrative board or state official shall cover  
2 fiscal year periods.

3 (c) Annual reports shall be submitted in typewritten form, any legible form produced by  
4 mechanical means, on electronic media, to be filed in the same manner as a printed annual report,  
5 or transmitted electronically via the Internet. Any annual report filed in an electronic format shall  
6 be considered as having satisfied the filing requirements.

7 (d) The Governor shall by executive order prescribe the general contents of the reports to be  
8 submitted to him or her. The form and format of the reports shall be as prescribed in this code.

9 (e) The Governor shall transmit, and may do so electronically, copies of the report to the  
10 Legislature and provide a copy of all such reports with the Division of Archives and History where  
11 the reports shall be kept as permanent records. All the final reports shall be made available for  
12 electronic access via the Internet.

13 (f) All annual reports to the Legislature shall be submitted ~~and may do so electronically,~~ to  
14 the Legislative Librarian and may be submitted electronically.

15 (g) The Governor may at any time require information in writing, under oath, from any  
16 officer, board, department or commission of the executive department or the principal officer or  
17 manager of any state institution, upon any subject relating to the condition, management and expense  
18 of their respective offices or institutions.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require reports to the Governor from state agencies to be made available electronically via the Internet.

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