COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

for

H. B. 2233

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(Originating in the House Committee on the Judiciary) [February 25, 2015]

A BILL to amend and reenact §29A-3-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Legislative Rule-Making Committee with the assistance of the Legislative Auditor's Office to review legislative rules five years after initial approval by the Legislature; and directing the Legislative Rule-Making Committee to report findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §29A-3-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. RULE-MAKING.

§29A-3-16. Legislative review of procedural rules, interpretive legislative rules.

- 1 (a) The Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee may
- 2 review any procedural rules, procedural and interpretive rules or
- 3 existing legislative rules and may make recommendations
- 4 concerning such rules these to the Legislature, or to the agency
- 5 or to both the Legislature and the agency: for rules which were
- 6 approved by the Legislature prior to the enactment of this section
- 7 <u>in 2015.</u>
- 8 (b) The Legislative Rule-Making Committee with the
- 9 assistance of the Legislative Auditor may review any rule which
- 10 has been promulgated and in effect for at least five years, and
- 11 make recommendations to the Legislature for modification or
- 12 repeal of any such rule as the Legislative Rule-Making
- 13 Committee may determine to be necessary. Areas of review shall
- 14 include, but not be limited to, the following:

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- 15 (1) Whether the rule is achieving its purpose; and
- 16 (2) Whether the rule should be eliminated, continued or
- 17 amended.
- 18 (c) Following its review, the Legislative Rule-Making
- 19 Committee and the Legislative Auditor shall summarize their
- 20 findings and make recommendations. A report of the findings
- 21 and recommendations shall be submitted to the Legislature for
- 22 any action the Legislature may consider necessary.