

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Committee Substitute**

**for**

### **Senate Bill 342**

BY SENATORS COLE (MR. PRESIDENT) AND KESSLER

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Originating in the Committee on Finance; reported on

January 27, 2016.]



1 A BILL supplementing and amending by decreasing the appropriations of public moneys out of  
2 the Treasury in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Health and Human  
3 Resources – Division of Human Services, fund 0403, fiscal year 2016, organization 0511,  
4 and to the Bureau of Senior Services, fund 0420, fiscal year 2016, organization 0508, by  
5 supplementing, amending and decreasing the appropriations for the fiscal year ending  
6 June 30, 2016.

1 Whereas, The Governor submitted to the Legislature the Executive Budget Document,  
2 dated January 13, 2016, which included a Statement of the State Fund, General Revenue, setting  
3 forth therein the cash balance as of July 1, 2015, and further included the estimate of revenues  
4 for the fiscal year 2016, less net appropriation balances forwarded and regular appropriations for  
5 the fiscal year 2016; and

6 Whereas, The Secretary of the Department of Revenue has submitted a monthly General  
7 Revenue Fund Collections Report for the first six months of fiscal year 2016 as prepared by the  
8 State Budget Office; and

9 Whereas, This report demonstrates that the State of West Virginia has experienced a  
10 revenue shortfall of approximately \$158 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2016, as  
11 compared to the monthly revenue estimates for the first six months of the fiscal year 2016; and

12 Whereas, Current economic and fiscal trends will result in projected year-end revenue  
13 deficits, including potential significant shortfalls in Severance Tax, and shortfalls in Personal  
14 Income Tax and Consumers Sales and Use Tax; and

15 Whereas, Projected year-end revenue surpluses in various other General Revenue  
16 sources will only offset a small portion of these deficits; and

17 Whereas, The total projected year-end revenue deficit for the General Revenue Fund is  
18 estimated at \$354 million; and

19 Whereas, On October 22, 2015, the Governor issued Executive Order 7-15 which directed  
20 a spending reduction for General Revenue appropriations for fiscal year 2016 totaling  
21 \$93,379,526; and



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9 10 11			<b>Appropriation</b>		<b>General Revenue Fund</b>
12 13 14 15	1 2 3 4	Transfer to Division of Human Services for Health Care and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens .....	53900	\$	7,594,254