

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2074

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NOTE

2015 Carryover

(BY DELEGATES CAPUTO, AND HAMILTON)

[Introduced January 13, 2016; referred to the
Committee on Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §15-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to requiring the Superintendent of the State Police to develop a plan to increase the
 3 number of troopers to a minimum of eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2017.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §15-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE.

§15-2-3. State Police structure; how established; training; special revenue account.

1 (a) The superintendent shall create, appoint and equip the State Police which shall consist
 2 of the number of troops, districts and detachments required for the proper administration of the
 3 State Police. Each troop, district or detachment shall be composed of the number of officers and
 4 members the superintendent determines are necessary to meet operational needs and are
 5 required for the efficient operation of the State Police. The superintendent shall develop a
 6 program to enable the state to attain a minimum number of eight hundred troopers by July 1,
 7 2017. The superintendent shall establish the general organizational structure of the State Police
 8 by interpretive rule in accordance with ~~the provisions of~~ article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this
 9 code. The superintendent shall provide adequate facilities for the training of all members of the
 10 State Police and shall prescribe basic training requirements for newly enlisted members. He or
 11 she shall also provide advanced or in-service training from time to time for all members of the
 12 State Police. The superintendent shall hold entry-level training classes for other
 13 law-enforcement officers in the state without cost to those officers, except actual expenses for
 14 food, lodging and school supplies. The superintendent may hold advanced levels of training
 15 classes for other law-enforcement officers in the state for a reasonable daily fee per student not
 16 to exceed \$100.

17 (b) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special revenue account, which shall
18 be an interest bearing account, to be known as the Academy Training and Professional
19 Development Fund. The special revenue account shall consist of training fees, any
20 appropriations that may be made by the Legislature, income from the investment of moneys held
21 in the special revenue account and all other sums available for deposit to the special revenue
22 account from any source, public or private. No expenditures for purposes of this section are
23 authorized from collections except in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter
24 twelve of this code and upon fulfillment of the provisions set forth in article two, chapter eleven-b
25 of this code. Any balance remaining in the special revenue account at the end of any state fiscal
26 year does not revert to the General Revenue Fund but remains in the special revenue account
27 and shall be used solely in a manner consistent with this article. The superintendent is
28 authorized to expend funds from the account to offset operational and training costs; for building
29 maintenance and repair, for purchases and for equipment repair or replacement for the West
30 Virginia State Police Academy; and to defray necessary expenses incidental to those and other
31 activities associated with law-enforcement training.

NOTE: This bill requires the Superintendent of the State Police to develop a plan to increase the number of troopers to a minimum of eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2017.

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