

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 35**

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[Introduced February 8, 2017; referred  
to the Committee on Government Organization; and then  
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to modifying funding assistance from Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority; and  
 3 changing definition of facilities that are eligible for funding assistance from courthouse  
 4 facilities that are occupied by county or judicial officials to ones that are currently occupied  
 5 by those officials or upon renovation will be county owned and occupied by county or  
 6 judicial officials or programs.

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

1 That §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT  
 AUTHORITY.**

**§29-26-2. Definitions.**

1 The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this article, have the following  
 2 meaning:

3 (a) "Approved modifications or construction of courthouse facilities" means any  
 4 modification or construction of a courthouse facility which has been recommended for assistance  
 5 by the authority according to the requirements of section four of this article;

6 (b) "Authority" means the West Virginia courthouse facilities improvement authority;

7 (c) "Cost" means the cost of construction, renovation, repair and safety upgrading of  
 8 courthouse facilities; the cost of land, equipment, machinery, furnishings, installation of utilities  
 9 and other similar items convenient in connection with placing a courthouse facility in operation;  
 10 and the cost of financing, interest during construction, professional service fees and all other  
 11 charges or expenses necessary, appurtenant or incidental to the modification or construction of  
 12 a courthouse facility; and

13 (d) "Courthouse facility" means buildings or structures which are occupied, or upon

- 14 renovation will be owned and occupied, ~~exclusively~~ by offices of county and judicial officials or by  
15 ~~courtrooms, county jails or detention centers~~ programs.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to expand the definition of courthouse facility.

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