

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2018 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 33**

BY SENATORS MAYNARD AND BEACH

[ Introduced January 10, 2018; Referred  
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §5B-2-16, relating to creating the West Virginia Race Relations Committee;  
 3 setting forth who serves on the committee; setting forth its duties; requiring meetings and  
 4 hearings; and requiring reports.

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

**ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.**

**§5B-2-16. West Virginia Race Relations Committee.**

1 (a) The West Virginia Race Relations Committee is hereby created.

2 (b) The committee consists of five members, including its chairperson, appointed by the  
 3 Governor to serve at his or her will and pleasure.

4 (c) The Commissioner of Tourism and the Director of the West Virginia Development  
 5 Office shall also serve on the committee, ex officio.

6 (d) The committee shall:

7 (1) Work with the existing facilities within the state to enhance existing racing;

8 (2) Develop a strategy that creates further opportunities, such as encouraging racing  
 9 training schools, conducting special events, and encouraging special events and the construction  
 10 of larger in-state racing facilities; and

11 (3) Seek opportunities to promote economic growth and manufacturing jobs related to  
 12 motorsports.

13 (e) The committee shall hold regular meetings, at least quarterly, and conduct public  
 14 hearings as it deems necessary.

15 (f) Members of the committee will receive no compensation, but are entitled to  
 16 reimbursements for mileage expenses while attending meetings of the committee to the extent  
 17 that funds are available through the Development Office.

18 (g) The committee shall report on the status of its duties, goals, accomplishments and  
 19 recommendations to the Legislature on at least an annual basis.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the West Virginia Race Relations Committee. The bill sets forth who serves on the committee and its duties. The bill requires meetings, hearings and reports.

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