

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2018 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 334

BY SENATORS STOLLINGS AND JEFFRIES

[Introduced January 22, 2018; Referred
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL making a supplementary appropriation of public moneys out of the Treasury from the
2 balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the Excess Lottery
3 Fund, to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Health – Central
4 Office, fund 0407, fiscal year 2018, organization 0506, by supplementing and amending
5 the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

6 Whereas, The state budget that became law without the Governor’s signature for the fiscal
7 year ending June 30, 2018, severely underfunded the Center for End of Life; and

8 Whereas, Without additional funding the Center for End of Life will run out of funds to
9 operate by the end of February, 2018; and

10 Whereas, The Center for End of Life has been a leader at the forefront of ensuring that
11 patients receive end of life care consistent with their wishes; and

12 Whereas, The Center for End of Life developed one of the first e-Directive Registries in
13 the nation to house forms and give emergency personnel around the state immediate access to
14 patient treatment wishes during a medical crisis; and

15 Whereas, Many patients prefer to have out-of-hospital deaths and referrals to hospice,
16 which saves the state in medical costs when those patients declare such a directive; and

17 Whereas, The Center for End of Life has been instrumental in reducing the cost of
18 healthcare to the state; and

19 Whereas, The state should continue to fund the Center for End of Life in order to allow it
20 to continue to innovate, conduct research, and play a major role at the national level in advancing
21 best practices to ensure superior end of life care; therefore

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the total appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, to fund 0407, fiscal
2 year 2017, organization 0506, be supplemented and amended by adding a new item of
3 appropriation as follows:

4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15

TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 5. Appropriations from state excess lottery revenue fund.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES.

311A – Division of Health

Central Office

(WV Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0407 FY 2017 Org 0506

	Appropriation		General Revenue Fund
--	----------------------	--	-----------------------------

1	Center for End of Life – Surplus (R)	54500	\$	150,000
---	--	-------	----	---------

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide funding for the Center for End of Life in FY2018 after the FY2018 budget bill severely underfunded the program.