# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

### **2018 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Committee Substitute**

for

## Senate Bill 521

By Senators Trump, Gaunch, Maynard, Stollings,

AND BOSO

[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;

Reported on February 20, 2018]

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
designated §30-29-13, relating to requiring any newly appointed chief executive of a
municipal law-enforcement agency to be a certified law-enforcement officer; and providing
that chief executives employed prior to the effective date are exempt from this
requirement.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### ARTICLE 29. LAW-ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.

#### §30-29-13. Chief executive requirements.

Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, on or after July 1, 2018, any person appointed to serve as the chief executive of a municipal law-enforcement agency shall be a certified law-enforcement officer: *Provided*, That chief executives of municipal law-enforcement agencies employed prior to July 1, 2018, who are not certified law-enforcement officers are exempt from this requirement for purposes of the position he or she holds as of that date.