

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### **House Bill 2609**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[Introduced February 19, 2021; Referred to the  
Committee on Prevention and Treatment of  
Substance Abuse then Health and Human  
Resources]

1 A BILL amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §16-5T-7, relating to establishing quick response teams under the Office of  
 3 Drug Control Policy to act as first responders in narcotic related medical emergencies.

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

**ARTICLE 5T. OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY.**

**§16-5T-7. Establishment of quick response teams.**

1 Subject to the policy requirements of this article, and in coordination with health care  
 2 providers, law-enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, and health care facilities of  
 3 this state, the Director of the Office of Drug Control Policy shall establish a plan for creating quick  
 4 response teams (QRT) to serve as a first responder unit in narcotic-related medical emergencies  
 5 effective July 1, 2021. A quick response team shall be trained to serve and to work with drug addicted  
 6 persons immediately following their arrest at the regional jails, or at a treatment facility, to address a  
 7 first step to recovery for those suffering from substance abuse.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish quick response teams (QRT) under the Office of Drug Control Policy to act as first responders in narcotic related medical emergencies.

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