

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 3259

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[Introduced March 16, 2021; Referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
2 designated §16-2Q-1, relating to public health; and prohibiting state funding of abortions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 2Q. STATE SUBSIDIES PROHIBITED TO ENTITLES WHICH PERFORM
ABORTIONS.**

§16-2Q-1. State funding of abortion prohibited.

1 (a) Moneys received or controlled by or transferred from any state fund or funding source
2 may not be expended for any abortion.

3 (b) Moneys received or controlled by or transferred from any state fund or funding source
4 may not be expended for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion.

5 (c) The term “health benefits coverage” means the package of services covered by a
6 managed care provider or organization pursuant to a contract or other arrangement.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit state funding of abortions.

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