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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 658

By Senators Grady, Stollings, Baldwin, Woodrum, Romano, Rucker, Lindsay, and Phillips

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §7-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Sheriffs’ Bureau of Professional Standards working with the sheriffs of each county of the state to actively participate in and utilize all components of the Handle With Care Program to help trauma-inflicted children in the public or private school system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.

§7-26-2. General powers and duties; legislative rules.

(a) The bureau may enter into contracts regarding training and operation of state sheriffs’ offices. The bureau may recommend policies and procedures to sheriffs’ offices, including, but not limited to, those that promote cooperation between all state and local law-enforcement officers, eliminate duplication of work, promote the proper and efficient operation of the office of the sheriff, and which seek to standardize operations of sheriffs’ offices throughout the state. The bureau may propose legislative rules which adopt a standard badge, uniform, and color for the motor vehicles used by the various sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of West Virginia.

(b) The bureau may assist the sheriffs of each county of the state to provide Handle With Care program training to law-enforcement supervisors and patrols and to actively participate in and use all law enforcement-related components of the Handle With Care program to help trauma-inflicted children in the public or private school systems.