

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 660**

BY SENATOR WELD

[Introduced March 18, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §15-10-7, relating to providing for cooperation between law-enforcement  
 3 agencies and military authorities.

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

**ARTICLE 10. COOPERATION BETWEEN LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

**§15-10-7. Cooperation with military authorities.**

1 (a) The head of a law-enforcement agency or head of a campus police department, as  
 2 such positions are defined in §15-10-3 of this code, may assign law-enforcement personnel under  
 3 his or her command to provide assistance, cooperation, and information to the National Guard of  
 4 this state or any service component of the United States Department of Defense located in this  
 5 state upon the written request of the Adjutant General or commanding officer of the unit or facility.

6 (b) The types of assistance authorized by subsection (a) of this section may include, but  
 7 not be limited to:

8 (1) Alleged violations of the federal and state Codes of Military Justice;

9 (2) Alleged violations of the criminal laws of the United States and the State of West  
 10 Virginia;

11 (3) Investigations and other actions related to reports of sexual assault or sexual  
 12 harassment, to include any cases of reprisal or retaliation; and

13 (4) Violations of military directives, regulations, or instruction.

14 (c) The purpose of this section is to support the military by providing it objective, qualified  
 15 law-enforcement services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for cooperation between law-enforcement agencies and military authorities.

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