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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 660

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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 generally to providing for cooperation between civilian law-
3 enforcement agencies and military authorities to facilitate objective independent
4 investigations of possible offenses.

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 those positions are defined in §15-10-3 of this code, may assign law-enforcement personnel
3 under his or her command to provide assistance, cooperation, and information to the National
4 Guard of this state or any service component of the United States Department of Defense located
5 in this state upon the written request of the Adjutant General or commanding officer of the unit or
6 facility.

7 (b) The assistance authorized by subsection (a) of this section may be provided for, but
8 not be limited to:

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

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

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

14 (4) Violations of military directives, regulations, or instruction; and

15 (5) Other reasonable requests by the National Guard.

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