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House Bill 4635

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Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then
Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §6B-2C-1 and §6B-2C-2, all relating to prohibiting the naming of any public
 3 infrastructure facilities owned or funded by the state from being named for a living current
 4 or former public officer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2C. NAMING OF STATE FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE.

§6B-2C-1. Definitions.

1 As used in this article:

2 “Public official” means any person who is elected or appointed to any state, county, or
 3 municipal office or position, including boards, agencies, departments, and commissions, or in any
 4 other regional or local governmental agency;

5 “Public infrastructure” means any physical structures used for public purposes, activities
 6 or functions that have been publicly funded, in whole or in part, including, but not limited to, real
 7 property and improvements thereto, including buildings, roads, bridges, dams, airports, harbors,
 8 railways, or other public transportation facilities; water or sewer systems, power generating
 9 systems, public utility property, or other state funded facilities.

§6B-2C-2. Limitation on naming of state funded infrastructure.

1 No public infrastructure may be named for a current or former public official that is still
 2 living.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the naming of any public infrastructure facilities owned or funded by the state from being named for a living current or former public officer.

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