WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

**FISCAL NOTE**

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Introduced

House Bill 4724

By Delegates Walker, Thompson, Griffith, Fleischauer, Pushkin, and Young

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-65-1, relating to establishing a program to provide a CARE FOR ALL telephone referral number and website access to provide public access to resources for medical care, including resources and providers that are LGBTQ+, Black, and POC-friendly.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

article 65. Care for all resource line and website.

§16-65-1. Establishment of a CARE FOR ALL resource telephone line and website.

The Secretary shall establish a program to provide a CARE FOR ALL telephone referral number and website to provide public access to resources for medical care. The program shall provide an all-inclusive medical care resource phone number and website and should include names and numbers for mental health resources, doctors, and health care providers that are LGBTQ+, Black, and POC-friendly. The program shall also provide access to medical resources for persons that do not have insurance and Medicare coverage or options.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a program to provide a CARE FOR ALL telephone referral number and website to provide public access to resources for medical care, including resources and providers that are LGBTQ+, Black, and POC-friendly.

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