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Senate Bill 82

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NOTE

BY SENATOR PHILLIPS

[Introduced January 12, 2022; referred

to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;

and then to the Committee on Finance]

1   A BILL to amend and reenact §16-4C-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating

2   to requiring that the secretary appoint a Director of the Office of Emergency Medical

3   Services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.

§16-4C-4. Office of emergency medical services created; staffing.

1   (a) There is hereby created within state government under the commissioner of the bureau

2   of public health an office to be known as the office of emergency medical services. A Director of

3   the Office of Emergency Medical Services shall be appointed by the secretary to manage the

4   office in a manner consistent with the purposes of this article. The director shall have experience

5   in the delivery and administration of emergency medical services and related pre-hospital care.

6   The director shall serve at the will and pleasure of the commissioner and shall not be actively

7   engaged or employed in any other business, vocation, or employment, serving full time as the

8   Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

9   (b) The commissioner may employ any technical, clerical, stenographic and other

10   personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article. The personnel may be

11   paid from funds appropriated therefor or from other funds as may be made available for carrying

12   out the purposes of this article.

13   (c) The office of emergency medical services as created by former ~~section four, article~~

14   ~~four-d of this chapter~~ §16-4D-4 of this code, shall continue in existence as the office of emergency

15   medical services established by this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that a Director of the Office of Emergency
Medical Services be appointed by the DHHR Secretary.

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