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House Bill 2446

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Delegate Walker

[Introduced January 11, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §9-3-7, relating to establishing a tip line to the Department of Health and
 3 Human Resources for citizens to report instances of food insecurity and requiring
 4 appropriate personnel to follow up on tips to provide assistance to those individuals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. APPLICATION FOR AND GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE.

§9-3-7. Establishment of tip line to report food insecurity.

1 There is hereby established a tip line within the department to receive reports of food
 2 insecurity. The tip line may be by phone, by e-mail, or both. The department shall designate staff to
 3 answer this tip line and relay the information to the appropriate personnel within the department.
 4 The department will attempt to make contact with the individuals alleged to be food insecure and
 5 determine if the tip is accurate. If so, the department shall inform those persons of the state or federal
 6 food assistance programs available, as well as any other resources available from the person’s local
 7 community.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a tip line to the DHHR to respond to tips of food insecurity.

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