

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 566

By Senators Maroney, Rucker, Caputo, Woelfel, and

Woodrum

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-5CC-3 of the Code of West Virginia of 1931, as amended,
2 relating to extend the termination date of the West Virginia Advisory Council on Rare
3 Diseases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5CC. WEST VIRGINIA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES.

§16-5CC-3. Duties of the advisory council.

1 The advisory council shall exercise the following duties to the degree that resources are
2 available, including, but not limited to:

3 (1) Coordinate statewide efforts for the study of the incidence of rare disease within the
4 state;

5 (2) Act as the advisory board to the secretary and the West Virginia Legislature on
6 research, treatment, and education relating to rare diseases;

7 (3) Research and identify priorities relating to the quality of, and access to, treatment and
8 services provided to persons with rare diseases in the state;

9 (4) Develop, in conjunction and cooperation with the state’s medical schools, policy
10 recommendations relating to the quality of, and access to, treatment and services provided to
11 persons with rare diseases in the state;

12 (5) Advise, consult, and cooperate with other offices of the department, other agencies of
13 state government, and patient-based organizations in the development of information and
14 programs of benefit to the public and the health care community relating to the diagnosis,
15 treatment, and awareness of rare diseases;

16 (6) Identify best practices for rare disease care as implemented in other states and at the
17 national level that will improve rare disease care in the state;

18 (7) Develop recommendations for effective strategies to raise public awareness of rare
19 diseases in the state;

20 (8) Develop recommendations for best practices for ensuring that health care providers are

21 sufficiently informed of the most effective strategies for recognizing and treating rare disease; and
22 (9) Report to the Governor, secretary, and West Virginia Legislature not later than January
23 1, 2021, and annually thereafter on the activities of the advisory council and its findings and
24 recommendations regarding rare disease research and care in West Virginia, including any
25 recommendations for statutory changes and amendments to the structure, organization, and
26 powers and duties of the advisory council. The advisory council shall terminate on ~~January 1, 2023~~
27 June 30, 2025.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to extend the termination date of the West Virginia Advisory Council on Rare Diseases due to a delay in beginning its duties.

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