

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2024 REGULAR SESSION

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### House Bill 4340

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NOTE

By Delegate Rowe

[Introduced January 10, 2024 ; Referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §9-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to the  
 2 establishment of a division of forensic social work services within the Department of Health  
 3 and Human Resources.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2. COMMISSIONER OF ~~HUMAN SERVICES~~ HEALTH AND HUMAN  
RESOURCES; POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES GENERALLY.**

**§9-2-4. Organization of Department of Welfare Health and Human Resources.**

1 (a) Within limits of state appropriations and federal grants and subject to provisions of state  
 2 and federal laws, rules and regulations, the Commissioner shall organize the department into such  
 3 offices, divisions, agencies and other administrative units, and, consistent with the requirements of  
 4 §29-6-1, *et seq.* of this code, shall appoint and employ for the department such deputies,  
 5 assistants and employees, as may in his judgment be necessary or desirable to carry out fully and  
 6 in an orderly, efficient and economical manner the powers, duties and responsibilities of the  
 7 department and of his office.

8 (b) The commissioner shall establish the division of forensic social work services within the  
 9 department, to ensure the department will have a trained and skilled workforce to provide timely  
 10 and effective social work services for the department in and for circuit courts and administrative  
 11 bodies of the state. The division shall use its own personnel, equipment, and facilities provided by  
 12 the department.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish the division of forensic social work services within the Department of Health and Human Resources.

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