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House Bill 5079

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-53-4, relating to creating a refund process for payers of substance abuse programs when the individual seeking treatment leaves early, or otherwise does not complete the program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

[ARTICLE 53. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES.](https://code.wvlegislature.gov/16-53/)

§16-53-4. Refund of payment of private funds for noncompletion of program.

(a) In the event that an individual who is admitted to a substance abuse treatment facility leaves the program early, or otherwise does not complete the 28-day program, that program shall return the remaining balance of money for the patient to the original payer on a pro-rated basis for the number of days remaining for successful completion of the program.

(b) State funds shall be treated as private funds under this section, and the same prorated formula shall apply and money for the remaining days of noncompletion shall be returned to the state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a refund process for payers of substance abuse programs when the individual seeking treatment leaves early, or otherwise does not complete the program.

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