

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 5079

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Shamblin

[Introduced January 25, 2024; Referred to the
Committee on Prevention and Treatment of
Substance Abuse then the Judiciary]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 53. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES.

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

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

5 (b) State funds shall be treated as private funds under this section, and the same prorated
 6 formula shall apply and money for the remaining days of noncompletion shall be returned to the
 7 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.