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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 5161

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Barnhart, Cannon, Garcia, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Kimble
and Worrell

[Originating in the Committee on Technology and
Infrastructure; Reported on February 7, 2024]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §31D-1-132, relating to creating a digital wallet to collect and organize learning
3 and employment records, certifications, and licensures on the Secretary of State's one-
4 stop business portal; defining responsibilities for maintenance; and defining what types of
5 information can be stored in the digital wallet.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Part III. Secretary of State.

§31D-1-132. Digital Wallet.

1 (a) The Secretary of State, through administration of the one-stop business portal, shall
2 create the online infrastructure for a digital wallet in which an individual's learning and employment
3 records, certifications, and licensures may be stored. The digital wallet shall be made available for
4 public use by January 1, 2025.

5 (b) While the online infrastructure shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of State to
6 create and maintain, it shall be the responsibility of the individual whose learning and employment
7 records, certifications, and licensures are stored there to upload and organize the credentials and
8 to ensure their accuracy. When used correctly, the digital wallet will serve as a repository of all
9 learning and employment records in one spot for easy reference.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a digital wallet for certifications and licensures.

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