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House Bill 5531

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Committee on Jails and Prisons then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §15A-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to increasing the salary of correctional officers by 12 percent, when there is no explicit
 3 promotion.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION.

§15A-3-7. Compensation of employees; traveling and other expenses.

1 (a) The commissioner shall, in accordance with the provisions of §29-6-1 *et seq.* of this
 2 code, approve the salaries of all employees of the division. Salaries shall be commensurate with
 3 their duties and responsibilities, but no meals or other emoluments of any kind shall be furnished,
 4 given, or paid to the employee as all or part of their salary. The employees may be provided meals,
 5 household facilities, and supplies as may be necessary for them to perform their duties, if the
 6 employees agree to pay the reasonable cost as established by the commissioner. In the event of
 7 an emergency, such as a riot or other disturbance, the commissioner may authorize meals to be
 8 provided to employees at no cost. Additionally, the commissioner may establish a procedure to
 9 reimburse employees reasonable costs in the event the employee's personal property is stolen or
 10 damaged by an inmate or resident. All persons employed under this article are entitled to be
 11 reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, correctional officers from CO
 13 4 to 5, CO 5 to 6, and CO 6 to 7 shall receive a 12 percent increase in salary, applicable when there
 14 is no explicit promotion.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the salary of correctional officers by 12 percent, when there is no explicit promotion.

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