## WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE 2024 REGULAR SESSION

**Engrossed** 

**Committee Substitute** 

for

**Senate Bill 225** 

By SENATOR TARR

[Originating in the Committee on Finance; reported

February 21, 2024]

- 1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
- designated §12-3-21, relating to establishing the revocation of authority for spending by
- an agency in support of a challenge to West Virginia law; and providing for exceptions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

## **ARTICLE 3. LIMITATIONS ON AGENCY SPENDING.**

## §12-3-21. Limitation on agencies' use of funding.

- 1 <u>Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, there is no spending authority for any</u>
- 2 political subdivision or state agency for the purposes of challenging a West Virginia state law:
- 3 Provided, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Attorney General of West
- 4 Virginia who may, from time to time, have reason to challenge any and all laws of the State of
- 5 West Virginia: Provided, however, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to the
- 6 Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, the Commissioner of Agriculture, or
- 7 other constitutionally elected officers when challenging a West Virginia state law directly related
- 8 <u>to the constitutional duties and functions of their respective offices.</u>