WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 225

BY SENATOR TARR

[Originating in the Committee on Finance; reported

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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 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, there is no spending authority for any
- 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, and the Commissioner of Agriculture
- 7 when challenging a West Virginia state law directly related to the constitutional duties and
- 8 <u>functions of their respective offices.</u>