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House Bill 3161

By Delegates Flanigan and Pritt

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Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §15-12-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to clarifying the required verification of sex offender information.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 12. SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT.

§15-12-10. Address and online information verification.

1 All registrants, including those for whom there has been no change in registration
2 information since their initial registration or previous address verification, ~~must~~ shall report, in the
3 month of their birth, or in the case of a sexually violent predator in the months of January, April,
4 July and October, to the State Police detachment responsible for covering their county of
5 registration and ~~must shall provide and verify the information prescribed in §15-12-2 of this code~~
6 and respond to all verification inquiries and informational requests, including, but not limited to,
7 requests for online information made by the State Police pursuant to this section. The State Police
8 shall verify addresses of those persons registered as sexually violent predators every ninety days
9 and all other registered persons once a year. As used in this section, the term "online information"
10 shall mean all information required by subdivision (8), subsection (d), section two, article twelve,
11 chapter fifteen of this code. The State Police may require registrants to periodically submit to new
12 fingerprints and photographs as part of the verification process. The method of verification shall be
13 in accordance with internal management rules pertaining thereto promulgated by the
14 superintendent under authority of section twenty-five, article two, chapter fifteen of this code.

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NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the required verification of sex offender information.

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