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**FISCAL NOTE**

Introduced

House Bill 3194

By Delegates Crouse, Lucas, Dean, Bridges, Ward, White, Petitto, and Pritt

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section designated §15-2D-6, relating to salaries of employees for the Division of Protective Services; providing legislative findings and intent; authorizing a pay increase to all employees; providing directives for the funding; and clarifying this section controls in the event of a conflict.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2D. DIVISION OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

**§15-2D-6 Capitol Police pay equity salary adjustment.**

(a) The Legislature hereby finds that the West Virginia Division of Protective Services, also known as the Capitol Police, has been having difficulty retaining employees of all types.

(b) The Legislature hereby directs that a pay equity salary adjustment and increase be provided to all employees of the Capitol Police that are employed at all Capitol Complex properties.

(c) This salary adjustment shall be as follows:

(1) On July 1, 2025, all Capitol police officers shall be given an increase in annual pay of $15,000; and

(2) On July 1, 2025, all support staff for the Capitol police shall be given an increase in annual pay of $7,500.

(d) Funding for the pay rates for all employees of the Division of Protective Services shall be provided from the Capitol Police general revenue appropriations.

(e) In the event any provision of this section conflicts with any rule, policy, or provision of this code, this section shall control. The provisions of this section are rehabilitative in nature and it is the specific intent of the Legislature that no private cause of action, either express or implied, shall arise pursuant to the provisions or implementation of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a $15,000 pay increase to capitol police and a $7,500 pay increase to capitol police staff.

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