

April 30, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Kris Warner Secretary of State State Capitol Complex Building 1, Suite 157-K Charleston, West Virginia 25305

RE: Enrolled Committee Substitute House Bill 3111.

Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute House Bill 3111. This bill increases the salaries for Supreme Court Justices, Intermediate Court judges, circuit court judges, and family court judges.

I respect the valuable public service provided by our judges and justices, and I am open to increasing the judicial branch compensation, but that should be pursued in conjunction with pay raises for other members of the judicial branch and other state employees. We have many hard working public employees who are instrumental to the health, safety, and success of our state, such as our teachers, police officers, CPS workers, park superintendents, and road construction crews, who are not included in this bill.

Accordingly, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute House Bill 3111.

Patrick Morrisey

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Governor

cc: The Honorable Randy Smith President of the Senate

Roger Hanshaw Speaker of the House of Delegates