

**H. B. 2791**

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Walker, Staggers, D. Poling, T. Campbell  
and Hamilton)

[Introduced January 24, 2011; referred to the  
Committee on Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §15-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia,  
1931, as amended, relating to requiring the superintendent of  
the State Police to develop a plan to increase the number of  
troopers to a minimum of eight hundred troopers by July 1,  
2015.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §15-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE.**

**§15-2-3. State police structure; how established.**

The superintendent shall create, appoint and equip the State  
Police which shall consist of the number of troops, districts and  
detachments required for the proper administration of the State  
Police. Each troop, district or detachment shall be composed of  
the number of officers and members the superintendent determines  
are necessary to meet operational needs and are required for the  
efficient operation of the State Police. The superintendent shall

1 develop a program to enable the state to attain a minimum number of  
2 eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2015. The superintendent shall  
3 establish the general organizational structure of the State Police  
4 by interpretive rule in accordance with the provisions of article  
5 three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. The superintendent  
6 shall provide adequate facilities for the training of all members  
7 of the State Police and shall prescribe basic training requirements  
8 for newly enlisted members. He or she shall also provide advanced  
9 or in-service training from time to time for all members of the  
10 State Police. The superintendent shall hold training classes for  
11 other peace officers in the state without cost to those officers,  
12 except actual expenses for food, lodging and school supplies.

NOTE: This bill requires the superintendent of the State Police to develop a plan to increase the number of troopers to a minimum of eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2015.

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