

Senate Bill No. 557

(By Senators Foster, Edgell, D. Facemire, Chafin and Klempa)

[Introduced February 9, 2012; referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.]

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NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-1E-6, relating to creating the West Virginia Winner program to promote healthy living, improve lifestyle and increase longevity of West Virginia residents by competing in various athletic and cultural events in the fifty-five counties; providing that the program be administered by the Office of Healthy Lifestyles; and declaring who may participate in the events together with participation fees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-1E-6, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1E. HEALTHY WEST VIRGINIA PROGRAM.

1 **§5-1E-6. Additional powers and duties of the office; sport and**
2 **cultural events.**

3 (a) In addition to the powers and authority conferred upon the
4 Office of Healthy Lifestyles by the provisions of section three of
5 this article, the Office of Healthy Lifestyles shall establish a
6 program of specific athletic and cultural events to be known as
7 "West Virginia Winner" to promote healthy living and improve life
8 style and increase longevity of West Virginia residents by
9 competing in various athletic and cultural events.

10 (b) The program shall develop a plan of competitive bidding
11 for athletic and cultural procedures and events to be held in each
12 of the counties of the state which shall provide:

13 (1) That the various athletic events may include, but not be
14 limited to, any of the following participatory athletic events:
15 bowling, tennis, archery, swimming, track and field events, boccie,
16 road bowling, volleyball, three-man basketball and golf. The
17 various cultural events may include, but not be limited to,
18 dancing, poetry composition and reading, singing, painting and
19 sculpting, academic and historical events, chess, checkers,
20 spelling bees and contests and video games. The Office of Healthy
21 Lifestyles shall inform the county commission of each county of the
22 specific events for participant bidding, including the type of
23 venue required for the event, the minimum bid required for each

1 such event, the estimated cost of holding the event and that, if a
2 county has the winning bid for an event, that county may establish
3 the rules associated with participating in the event, whether
4 athletic or cultural.

5 (2) That the county commission of each county shall determine
6 in which types of events the county desires to participate and
7 notify the Office of Healthy Lifestyles. The county commissions
8 may then submit bids to the Office of Healthy Lifestyles and
9 Governor's office to host a specific physical or cultural event.
10 Bids shall be submitted on or before July 1, 2012 and opened by the
11 Office of Healthy Lifestyles on July 1, 2012, which shall notify
12 the county commissions of the counties with winning bids and for
13 which events the county will host. The Office of Healthy
14 Lifestyles shall develop a plan for competitive athletic and
15 culture events that shall be conducted in each county without the
16 necessity of bidding, in addition to those events requiring
17 competitive bidding. County commissions shall inform all other
18 groups involved in the county such as parks and recreation, public
19 schools and schools of higher education of the winning bid. All
20 in-state colleges and universities may also be included to help
21 facilitate the different activities that each county would like to
22 conduct. There may be categories of participation in the various
23 athletic and cultural events that include federal, state and local

1 municipalities, in-state colleges and universities, large
2 corporations, small businesses and different professional entities
3 such as doctors, lawyers, accountants and others.

4 (3) For winners in each such event from each of the fifty-five
5 counties in different age groups: The plan shall provide for five
6 districts, composed of eleven counties each, with a winner in each
7 such event from each district if the county only prefers regional
8 winners of all counties.

9 (4) For fees to be paid by participants in each event: There
10 shall be a \$10 participant fee for each event. Counties that win
11 bids to host events shall send in total of the initial bid. These
12 counties will be reimbursed fifty percent of their bids. Counties
13 that do not win bids to host an event will send in one hundred
14 percent of the participant fee.

15 (5) That there is a participation fee with large corporations
16 paying \$500, small businesses \$150, in-state colleges and
17 universities, fraternal organizations and nonprofit organizations
18 \$100. Every individual who participates shall pay a one-time \$10
19 entry fee.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the "West Virginia Winner" program to promote healthy living and improve lifestyle and increase longevity of West Virginia residents by competing in various athletic and cultural events in the fifty-five counties.

The bill provides that the program be administered by the Office of Healthy Lifestyles. And, the bill declares who may participate in the events together with participation fees to be paid.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.