1 Senate Bill No. 600 2 (By Senator Palumbo) 3 [Introduced February 15, 2012; referred to the Committee on 4 5 Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.] 6 7 8 9 10 A BILL to amend and reenact \$15-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 11 1931, as amended, relating to the State Police appointment of 12 commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers and other 13 members; and increasing principal supervisors to nineteen. 14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia: 15 That \$15-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, 16 be amended and reenacted to read as follows: 17 ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE. 18 §15-2-4. Appointment of commissioned officers, noncommissioned officers, other members; temporary and permanent 19 20 positions. 21 (a) The superintendent shall appoint, from the enlisted 22 membership of the State Police, a deputy superintendent who shall 23 hold the rank of lieutenant colonel and be next in authority to the

- 1 superintendent. The superintendent shall appoint, from the 2 enlisted membership of the State Police, the number of other 3 officers and members he or she considers necessary to operate and 4 maintain the executive offices, training school and forensic 5 laboratory; and to keep records relating to crimes and criminals, 6 coordinate traffic safety activities, maintain a system of supplies 7 and accounting and perform other necessary services.
- 8 (b) The ranks within the membership of the State Police shall 9 be colonel, lieutenant colonel, major, captain, first lieutenant, 10 second lieutenant, first sergeant, sergeant, corporal, trooper 11 first class, senior trooper, trooper or cadet trooper. Each member 12 while in uniform shall wear the insignia of rank as provided by law 13 and written State Police policies. Members assigned to the 14 forensic laboratory shall hold the title of trooper, be classified 15 as criminalists and wear the insignia of classification as provided 16 by written State Police policies.
- The superintendent may appoint from the membership of the State Police seventeen nineteen principal supervisors who shall receive the compensation and hold the temporary rank of lieutenant colonel, major or captain at the will and pleasure of the superintendent. The superintendent may also appoint from the membership of the executive protection section of the State Police two additional supervisors who shall receive the compensation and hold the temporary rank of first lieutenant and serve at the will

1 and pleasure of the superintendent. Appointments are exempt from 2 any eligibility requirements established by the career progression 3 system: Provided, That any member appointed from within the 4 executive protection section of the State Police to the temporary 5 rank of first lieutenant must have completed a minimum of two years 6 service within the executive protection section prior to becoming 7 eligible for such appointment. Any person appointed to a temporary 8 rank under the provisions of this article remains eligible for 9 promotion or reclassification under the provisions of the career 10 progression system if his or her permanent rank is below that of 11 first lieutenant. Upon the termination of a temporary appointment 12 by the superintendent, the member may not be reduced to a rank or 13 classification below his or her permanent rank or classification, 14 unless the reduction results from disciplinary action, and remains 15 eligible for subsequent appointment to a temporary rank.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the number of principle supervisors from seventeen to nineteen.

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