

1 **H. B. 2898**

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3 (By Mr. Speaker (Mr. Thompson) and Delegates  
4 Caputo, Boggs, Williams, Manchin, Ferro, Swartzmiller,  
5 Skaff, D. Poling, Stowers and Fleischauer)  
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7 [Introduced March 12, 2013; referred to the  
8 Committee on Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §15-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia,  
11 1931, as amended, relating to maintaining a minimum of eight  
12 hundred state troopers by July 1, 2018.

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

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

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

17 **§15-2-3. State Police structure; how established; training;**  
18 **special revenue account.**

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

1 establish the general organizational structure of the State Police  
2 by interpretive rule in accordance with the provisions of article  
3 three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code. The superintendent  
4 shall provide adequate facilities for the training of all members  
5 of the State Police and shall prescribe basic training requirements  
6 for newly enlisted members. He or she shall also provide advanced  
7 or in-service training from time to time for all members of the  
8 State Police. The superintendent shall hold entry-level training  
9 classes for other law-enforcement officers in the state without  
10 cost to those officers, except actual expenses for food, lodging  
11 and school supplies. The superintendent may hold advanced levels  
12 of training classes for other law-enforcement officers in the state  
13 for a reasonable daily fee per student not to exceed \$100.

14 (b) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special  
15 revenue account, which shall be an interest bearing account, to be  
16 known as the Academy Training and Professional Development Fund.  
17 The special revenue account shall consist of training fees, any  
18 appropriations that may be made by the Legislature, income from the  
19 investment of moneys held in the special revenue account and all  
20 other sums available for deposit to the special revenue account  
21 from any source, public or private. No expenditures for purposes  
22 of this section are authorized from collections except in  
23 accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twelve of  
24 this code and upon fulfillment of the provisions set forth in

1 article two, chapter eleven-b of this code. Any balance remaining  
2 in the special revenue account at the end of any state fiscal year  
3 does not revert to the General Revenue Fund but remains in the  
4 special revenue account and shall be used solely in a manner  
5 consistent with this article. The superintendent is authorized to  
6 expend funds from the account to offset operational and training  
7 costs; for building maintenance and repair, for purchases and for  
8 equipment repair or replacement for the West Virginia State Police  
9 Academy; and to defray necessary expenses incidental to those and  
10 other activities associated with law-enforcement training.

11 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of  
12 this code and pursuant to amendments made to this section during  
13 the 2013 regular session of the Legislature, the superintendent  
14 shall implement a program to increase the number of state troopers  
15 in the state to attain and maintain a minimum number of eight  
16 hundred state troopers by July 1, 2018.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for an increase and establish a minimum number of troopers to provide basic law enforcement services. The bill requires the minimum number be eight hundred troopers by July 1, 2018.

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