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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$31\mathchar`-20\mathchar`-10$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to changing the way counties pay
12	for regional jail inmates from a per diem rate to an hourly
13	rate.
14	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
15	That §31-20-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
16	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	ARTICLE 20. WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
18	AUTHORITY.
19	§31-20-10. Regional jail and correctional facility authority
20	funds.
21	(a) The Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority may
22	create special funds in the State Treasury to identify various
23	revenue sources and payment of specific obligations. These funds

1 may be used for purposes that include, but are not limited to, the 2 construction, renovation or repair of specific facilities, cash 3 control, facility maintenance and the individual operations 4 accounts of facilities operated by the authority. The authority may 5 create other separate accounts within these funds that it 6 determines are necessary for the efficient operation of the 7 authority.

8 (b) Revenues deposited into these funds shall be used to make 9 payments of interest and shall be pledged as security for bonds, 10 security interests or notes issued or lease-purchase obligations 11 entered into with another state entity by the authority pursuant to 12 this article.

13 (c) Whenever the authority determines that the balance in 14 these funds is in excess of the immediate requirements of this 15 article, it may request that the excess be invested until needed. 16 In this case, the excess shall be invested in a manner consistent 17 with the investment of temporary state funds. Interest earned on 18 any money invested pursuant to this section shall be credited to 19 these funds.

20 (d) If the authority determines that moneys held in these 21 funds are in excess of the amount needed to carry out the purposes 22 of this article, it shall take any action that is necessary to 23 release the excess and transfer it to the General Revenue Fund of 24 the State Treasury.

1 (e) These funds consist of the following:

2 (1) Amounts raised by the authority by the sale of bonds or3 other borrowing authorized by this article;

4 (2) Moneys collected and deposited in the State Treasury which 5 are specifically designated by Acts of the Legislature for 6 inclusion in these funds;

7 (3) Contributions, grants and gifts from any source, both 8 public and private, which may be used by the authority for any 9 project or projects;

10 (4) All sums paid by the counties pursuant to subsection (h) 11 of this section; and

12 (5) All interest earned on investments made by the state from 13 moneys deposited in these funds.

14 (f) The amounts deposited in these funds shall be accounted 15 for and expended in the following manner:

16 (1) Amounts raised by the sale of bonds or other borrowing 17 authorized by this article shall be deposited in a separate account 18 within these funds and expended for the purpose of construction, 19 renovation and repair of correctional facilities, regional jails 20 and juvenile detention and correctional facilities for which need 21 has been determined by the authority;

(2) Amounts deposited from all other sources shall be pledged
first to the debt service on any bonded indebtedness, including
lease-purchase obligations entered into by the authority with

1 another state entity or other obligation incurred by borrowing of 2 the authority;

3 (3) After any requirements of debt service have been 4 satisfied, the authority shall requisition from these funds the 5 amounts that are necessary to provide for payment of the 6 administrative expenses of this article;

7 (4) The authority shall requisition from these funds, after 8 any requirements of debt service have been satisfied, the amounts 9 that are necessary for the maintenance and operation of regional 10 jails that are constructed pursuant to the provisions of this 11 article and shall expend those amounts for that purpose. These 12 funds shall make an accounting of all amounts received from each 13 county by virtue of any filing fees, court costs or fines required 14 by law to be deposited in these funds and amounts from the jail 15 improvement funds of the various counties. After the expenses of 16 administration have been deducted, the amounts expended in the 17 respective regions from those sources shall be in proportion to the 18 percentage the amount contributed to these funds by the counties in 19 each region bears to the total amount received by these funds from 20 those sources;

(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, sums 22 paid into these funds by each county pursuant to subsection (h) of 23 this section for each inmate shall be placed in a separate account 24 and shall be requisitioned from these funds to pay for costs

1 incurred at the regional jail facility at which each inmate was
2 incarcerated; and

3 (6) Any amounts deposited in these funds from other sources 4 permitted by this article shall be expended in the respective 5 regions based on particular needs to be determined by the 6 authority.

7 (g) (1) After a regional jail facility becomes available 8 pursuant to this article for the incarceration of inmates, each 9 county within the region shall incarcerate all persons whom the 10 county would have incarcerated in any jail prior to the 11 availability of the regional jail facility in the regional jail 12 facility except those whose incarceration in a local jail facility 13 used as a local holding facility is specified as appropriate under 14 the standards and procedures developed pursuant to section nine of 15 this article and who the sheriff or the circuit court elects to 16 incarcerate therein.

17 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this18 subsection, circuit and magistrate courts are authorized to:

(A) Detain persons who have been arrested or charged with a crime, in a county or municipal jail, specified as appropriate under the standards and procedures developed pursuant to section nine of this article, for a period not to exceed ninety-six hours; or

24 (B) Commit persons convicted of a crime in a county or

1 municipal jail, specified as appropriate under the standards and 2 procedures developed pursuant to section nine of this article, for 3 a period not to exceed fourteen days.

(h) When inmates are placed in a regional jail facility 4 5 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section, the county shall pay 6 into the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority Fund a 7 cost per day hour for each incarcerated inmate to be determined by 8 the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority according to 9 criteria and by procedures established by legislative rules 10 proposed for promulgation pursuant to article three, chapter 11 twenty-nine-a of this code and as established in section ten-a of 12 this article to cover the costs of operating the regional jail 13 facilities of this state to maintain each inmate. The per hour cost 14 applies as soon as an inmate is incarcerated until the time he or 15 she is released from incarceration. When an inmate's incarceration 16 covers a fraction of an hour, the county shall pay the full per 17 hour rate for that time. The per diem hour costs for incarcerating 18 inmates may not include the cost of construction, acquisition or 19 renovation of the regional jail facilities: Provided, That each 20 regional jail facility operating in this state shall keep a record 21 of the date and time that an inmate is incarcerated. and a county 22 may not be charged for a second day of incarceration for an 23 individual inmate until that inmate has remained incarcerated for 24 more than twenty-four hours. After that, in cases of continuous

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1 incarceration, subsequent per diem charges shall be made upon a

2 county only as subsequent intervals of twenty-four hours pass from

3 the original time of incarceration.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide to counties an hourly cost when paying for the incarceration of inmates in regional jails instead of an daily rate.

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