

1 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 **ARTICLE 20. WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**
3 **AUTHORITY.**

4 **§31-20-5h. Programs for inmates committed to prison.**

5 (a) The Division of Corrections may develop and implement a
6 cognitive behavioral program to address the needs of inmates
7 detained in a regional jail, but committed to the custody of the
8 Commissioner of Corrections. The program shall be developed in
9 consultation with the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility
10 Authority, and may be offered by video teleconference or webinar
11 technology. The costs of the program shall be paid out of funds
12 appropriated to the Division of Corrections. The program shall be
13 covered by the rehabilitation plan policies and procedures adopted
14 by the Division of Corrections under subsection (h), section
15 thirteen, article twelve, chapter sixty-two of this code.

16 (b) In addition to the program established in subsection (a)
17 of this section, the Division of Corrections shall make available
18 to each inmate in the custody of the commissioner being detained in
19 a regional jail facility prior to transfer to a Division of
20 Corrections facility such program and classes as are determined by
21 the risk and needs assessment mandated by section thirteen, article
22 twelve, chapter sixty-two of this code necessary to prepare the
23 inmate for parole. The programming and courses shall be provided

1 by the Division of Corrections personnel or designees of the
2 commissioner.

3 (c) The Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority
4 shall provide at each of its facilities or, if such can be agreed
5 to by the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority and the
6 Commissioner of Corrections, certain agreed to facilities, such
7 space and equipment as is necessary to effectuate the purposes of
8 ths section.

(NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that inmates in a regional jail, but committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections, have available the same classes and programs that are offered in Division of Corrections facilities.

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