

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 342

BY SENATORS COLE (MR. PRESIDENT) AND KESSLER

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Introduced January 21, 2016;

Referred to the Committee on Finance.]

1 A BILL supplementing and amending by decreasing the appropriations of public moneys out of
2 the Treasury in the State Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Health and Human
3 Resources – Division of Human Services, fund 0403, fiscal year 2016, organization 0511,
4 and to the Bureau of Senior Services, fund 0420, fiscal year 2016, organization 0508, by
5 supplementing, amending and decreasing the appropriations for the fiscal year ending
6 June 30, 2016.

1 Whereas, The Governor submitted to the Legislature the Executive Budget document,
2 dated January 13, 2016, which included a Statement of the State Fund, General Revenue, setting
3 forth therein the cash balance as of July 1, 2015, and further included the estimate of revenues
4 for the fiscal year 2016, less net appropriation balances forwarded and regular appropriations for
5 the fiscal year 2016; and

6 Whereas, The Secretary of the Department of Revenue has submitted a monthly General
7 Revenue Fund Collections Report for the first six months of fiscal year 2016 as prepared by the
8 State Budget Office; and

9 Whereas, This report demonstrates that the State of West Virginia has experienced a
10 revenue shortfall of approximately \$158 million for the first six months of fiscal year 2016, as
11 compared to the monthly revenue estimates for the first six months of the fiscal year 2016; and

12 Whereas, Current economic and fiscal trends will result in projected year-end revenue
13 deficits, including potential significant shortfalls in Severance Tax, and shortfalls in Personal
14 Income Tax and Consumer Sales and Use Tax; and

15 Whereas, Projected year-end revenue surpluses in various other General Revenue
16 sources will only offset a small portion of these deficits; and

17 Whereas, The total projected year-end revenue deficit for the General Revenue Fund is
18 estimated at \$354 million; and

19 Whereas, On October 22, 2015, the Governor issued Executive Order 7-15 which directed
20 a spending reduction for General Revenue appropriations for fiscal year 2016 totaling

21 \$93,379,526; and

22 Whereas, The Legislature agreed to take voluntary action to effect a four percent spending
23 reduction of its General Revenue appropriation for fiscal year 2016 totaling \$938,067; and

24 Whereas, There are available cash balances in the Lottery and Excess Lottery funds that
25 can be utilized in order to decrease the appropriations from the State Fund, General Revenue;
26 therefore

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the total appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, to fund 0403, fiscal
2 year 2016, organization 0511, be supplemented and amended by decreasing an existing item of
3 appropriation as follows:

4 **TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 **Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.**

6 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

7 *66 – Division of Human Services*

8 (WV Code Chapters 9, 48 and 49)

9 Fund 0403 FY 2016 Org 0511

10 11 12		Appro- piation	General Revenue Fund
13	8 Medical Services.....	18900	\$ 46,305,746

1 And, That the total appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, to fund 0420,
2 fiscal year 2016, organization 0508, be supplemented and amended by decreasing an existing
3 item of appropriation as follows:

4 **TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 **Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.**

6 **BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES**

