# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

### **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Committee Substitute** 

for

## Senate Bill 40

BY SENATOR STOLLINGS

[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;

reported on February 1, 2016.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 to modifying funding assistance from Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority; and
 changing definition of facilities that are eligible for funding assistance from courthouse
 facilities that are occupied by county or judicial officials to ones that are currently occupied
 by those officials or upon renovation will be county owned and occupied by county or
 judicial officials or programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §29-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

#### §29-26-2. Definitions.

1 The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this article, have the following 2 meanings:

3 (a) "Approved modifications or construction of courthouse facilities" means any
4 modification or construction of a courthouse facility which has been recommended for assistance
5 by the authority according to the requirements of section four of this article;

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(b) "Authority" means the West Virginia Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority;

7 (c) "Cost" means the cost of construction, renovation, repair and safety upgrading of 8 courthouse facilities; the cost of land, equipment, machinery, furnishings, installation of utilities 9 and other similar items convenient in connection with placing a courthouse facility in operation; 10 and the cost of financing, interest during construction, professional service fees and all other 11 charges or expenses necessary, appurtenant or incidental to the modification or construction of 12 a courthouse facility; and

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- (d) "Courthouse facility" means buildings or structures which are occupied, <u>or upon</u>
   <u>renovation will be county owned and occupied</u>, <u>exclusively</u> by offices of county and judicial
- 15 officials or by courtrooms, county jails or detention centers. programs.