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**HUMAN HESOURCES**]

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A BILL to amend and reenact §16-3C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §16-3C-2a and §16-3C-2b; and to amend and reenact §16-4-19 of said code, all relating to testing for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases; authorizing the billing of persons for HIV and sexually transmitted disease testing or sexually transmitted disease treatment done by state or local public health agencies; informing persons who wish to opt-out of HIV-related testing that anonymous testing is available; authorizing magistrate and circuit courts to order testing of persons accused of certain sex crimes; requiring prosecuting attorneys to file motion for testing upon request of a victim or the victim's parent or guardian; establishing a time-frame for mandatory testing; providing for follow-up HIV-related testing as medically appropriate; providing that the costs associated with testing may be borne by the state when the a defendant or juvenile respondent is financially unable to pay; authorizing the billing of a defendant's or juvenile respondent's health insurance provider; requiring the testing of juvenile's adjudicated of certain sex crimes; removing counseling requirement; removing an exemption for providers regulated by the Insurance Commissioner; removing a limitation on the amount that may be charged for medication used to treat sexually transmitted diseases; and removing archaic language related to the testing of sexually transmitted diseases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §16-3C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; that said code be amended by adding thereto two new sections, designated §16-3C-2a and §16-3C-2b; and that §16-4-19 of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3C. AIDS-RELATED MEDICAL TESTING AND RECORDS
CONFIDENTIALITY ACT.

§16-3C-2. Testing HIV-related testing; methods for obtaining consent; billing patient health

#### care providers.

(a) HIV-related testing <del>on a voluntary basis</del> should be recommended by <del>any</del> healthcare						
provider in a health facility providers as part of a routine screening for treatable conditions and as						
part of routine prenatal and perinatal care. A physician, dentist, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife,						
physician assistant or the commissioner may also request targeted testing for any of the following:						
(1) When there is cause to believe that the test could be positive. Persons who engage in						
high risk behavior should be encouraged to be screened for HIV at least annually;						
(2) When there is cause to believe that the test could provide information important in the						
care of the patient; or						
(3) When there is cause to believe that the results of HIV-testing of samples of blood or						
body fluids from a source patient could provide information important in the care of medical or						
emergency responders or other persons identified in regulations rules proposed by the						
department for approval by the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of article three,						
chapter twenty-nine-a of this code: <i>Provided</i> , That the source patient whose blood or body fluids						
is being tested pursuant to this section must have come into contact with a medical or emergency						
responder or other person in such a way that a significant exposure has occurred;						
(4)When there is no record of any HIV-related or other sexually transmitted disease testing						
during pregnancy and the woman presents for labor and delivery.						
(b) All healthcare providers, the bureau, or a local health department, that routinely bill						
insurance companies or other third-party providers may bill for HIV-related testing and treatment.						
(b) (c) A patient voluntarily consents to the test as follows HIV-related testing when:						
(1) The patient is informed either orally or in writing that:						
(A) HIV-related testing will be performed as part of his or her routine care; that						
(B) HIV-related testing is voluntary; and that the patient						
(C) He or she may decline HIV-related testing (opt-out); or						
(2) The patient is informed that the patient's general consent for medical care includes						

consent for HIV-related testing.

(c) (d) A patient refuses to consent to the test if a patient who opts-out of HIV-related testing the patient is informed when the health care provider in the provider's professional opinion believes HIV-related testing is recommended, and must be informed that HIV-related testing may be obtained anonymously at a local or county health department.

- (d) (e) Any person seeking an HIV-related test in a local or county health department or at other HIV test setting provided by the commissioner who wishes to remain anonymous has the right to do so, and to must be provided written informed consent through the use of a coded system with no linking of individual identity to the test request or results.
- (f) County or local health departments that routinely bill insurance companies or other third party payers for service may bill for an HIV-related test if the person requesting the test does not request to remain anonymous. No person may be refused a test at a local health department because of a lack of insurance or due to a request to remain anonymous.
- (e) (g) No option to A person may not decline or opt-out of HIV-related testing is required and the provisions of subsection subsections (a) and (b) (c) of this section do not apply for the following: when:
- (1) A health care provider or health facility performing an HIV-related test on the donor or recipient when the health care provider or health facility procures, processes, distributes or uses:

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- (A) A human body part (including tissue and blood or blood products) donated for: a
- (i) A purpose specified under the uniform anatomical gift act; or for transplant
- 47 (ii) Transplant recipients; or semen
  - (B) Semen provided for the purpose of artificial insemination and such an HIV-related test is necessary to assure medical acceptability of a recipient or such gift or semen for the purposes intended:
    - (2) The performance of an HIV-related test in A person is unable or unwilling to grant or

withhold consent as the result of a documented bona fide medical emergencies emergency, as determined by a treating physician taking into account the nature and extent of the exposure to another person when the subject of the test is unable or unwilling to grant or withhold consent, and the HIV-related test results are necessary for medical diagnostic purposes to provide appropriate emergency care or treatment to a medical or emergency responder, or any other person who has come into contact with a source patient in such a way that a significant exposure necessitates HIV-testing or to a source patient who is unable to consent in accordance with rules proposed by the department for approval by the Legislature in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code: *Provided*, That necessary treatment may not be withheld pending HIV test results: *Provided*, however, That all sampling and HIV-testing of samples of blood and body fluids, without the opportunity for the source patient or patient's representative to opt-out of the testing, shall be through the use of a pseudonym and in accordance with rules proposed by the department for approval by the Legislature in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code; or

- (3) The performance of an HIV-related test for the purpose of research if the testing is performed in a manner by which the identity of the test subject is not known and may not be retrieved by the researcher.
  - (f) Mandated testing:
- (1) The performance of any HIV-related testing that is or becomes mandatory by court order or other legal process described herein does not require consent of the subject but will include counseling.
- (2) The court having jurisdiction of the criminal prosecution shall order that an HIV-related test be performed on any persons charged with any of the following crimes or offenses:
  - (i) Prostitution; or
- 76 (ii) Sexual abuse, sexual assault, incest or sexual molestation.
  - (3) HIV-related tests performed on persons charged with prostitution, sexual abuse, sexual

assault, incest or sexual molestation shall be confidentially administered by a designee of the bureau or the local or county health department having proper jurisdiction. The commissioner may designate health care providers in regional jail facilities to administer HIV-related tests on such persons if he or she determines it necessary and expedient.

- (4) When the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Health knows or has reason to believe, because of medical or epidemiological information, that a person, including, but not limited to, a person such as an IV drug abuser, or a person who may have a sexually transmitted disease, or a person who has sexually molested, abused or assaulted another, has HIV infection and is or may be a danger to the public health, he or she may issue an order to:
- (i) Require a person to be examined and tested to determine whether the person has HIV infection;
- (ii) Require a person with HIV infection to report to a qualified physician or health worker for counseling; and
- (iii) Direct a person with HIV infection to cease and desist from specified conduct which endangers the health of others.
- (5) If any person violates a cease and desist order issued pursuant to this section and, by virtue of that violation, the person presents a danger to the health of others, the commissioner shall apply to the circuit court of Kanawha County to enforce the cease and desist order by imposing any restrictions upon the person that are necessary to prevent the specific conduct that endangers the health of others.
- (6) A person convicted of the offenses described in this section shall be required to undergo HIV-related testing and counseling immediately upon conviction and the court having jurisdiction of the criminal prosecution may not release the convicted person from custody and shall revoke any order admitting the defendant to bail until HIV-related testing and counseling have been performed and the result is known. The HIV-related test result obtained from the convicted person is to be transmitted to the court and, after the convicted person is sentenced,

made part of the court record. If the convicted person is placed in the custody of the Division of Corrections, the court shall transmit a copy of the convicted person's HIV-related test results to the Division of Corrections. The HIV-related test results shall be closed and confidential and disclosed by the court and the bureau only in accordance with the provisions of section three of this article.

(7) The prosecuting attorney shall inform the victim, or parent or guardian of the victim, at the earliest stage of the proceedings of the availability of voluntary HIV-related testing and counseling conducted by the bureau and that his or her best health interest would be served by submitting to HIV-related testing and counseling. HIV-related testing for the victim shall be administered at his or her request on a confidential basis and shall be administered in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines of the United States Public Health Service in effect at the time of such request. The victim who obtains an HIV-related test shall be provided with pre and post-test counseling regarding the nature, reliability and significance of the HIV-related test and the confidential nature of the test. HIV-related testing and counseling conducted pursuant to this subsection shall be performed by the designee of the commissioner of the bureau or by any local or county health department having proper jurisdiction.

(8) If a person receives counseling or is tested under this subsection and is found to be HIV infected and the person is not incarcerated, the person shall be referred by the health care provider performing the counseling or testing for appropriate medical care and support services. The local or county health departments or any other agency under this subsection may not be financially responsible for medical care and support services.

(9) The commissioner of the bureau or his or her designees may require an HIV test for the protection of a person who was possibly exposed to HIV infected blood or other body fluids as a result of receiving or rendering emergency medical aid or who possibly received such exposure as a funeral director. Results of such a test of the person causing exposure may be used by the requesting physician for the purpose of determining appropriate therapy, counseling

and psychological support for the person rendering emergency medical aid including good Samaritans, as well as for the patient, or individual receiving the emergency medical aid.

(10) If an HIV-related test required on persons convicted of prostitution, sexual abuse, sexual assault, incest or sexual molestation results in a negative reaction, upon motion of the state, the court having jurisdiction over the criminal prosecution may require the subject of the test to submit to further HIV-related tests performed under the direction of the bureau in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines of the United States Public Health Service in effect at the time of the motion of the state.

- (11) The costs of mandated testing and counseling provided under this subsection and pre and postconviction HIV-related testing and counseling provided the victim under the direction of the bureau pursuant to this subsection shall be paid by the bureau.
- (12) The court having jurisdiction of the criminal prosecution shall order a person convicted of prostitution, sexual abuse, sexual assault, incest or sexual molestation to pay restitution to the state for the costs of any HIV-related testing and counseling provided the convicted person and the victim, unless the court has determined the convicted person to be indigent.
- (13) Any funds recovered by the state as a result of an award of restitution under this subsection shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of a special revenue fund to be known as the "HIV-testing fund" which is hereby created. The moneys so credited to the fund may be used solely by the bureau for the purposes of facilitating the performance of HIV-related testing and counseling under the provisions of this article.
- (g) Nothing in this section is applicable to any insurer regulated under chapter thirty-three of this code: *Provided,* That the commissioner of insurance shall develop standards regarding consent for use by insurers which test for the presence of the HIV antibody.
- (h) Whenever consent of the subject to the performance of HIV-related testing is required under this article, any such consent obtained, whether orally or in writing, shall be considered to be a valid and informed consent if it is given after compliance with the provisions of subsection

156 (b) (c) of this section.

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### §16-3C-2a. Mandatory testing.

1	(a) HIV-related testing that is or becomes mandatory by either a magistrate or circuit court
2	order or other legal process does not require consent of the subject.
3	(b) Upon the request of the victim or the victim's parent or legal guardian, and notice to
4	the defendant or juvenile respondent, a prosecuting attorney shall apply to a magistrate or circuit
5	court for an order directing a defendant charged or a juvenile subject to a petition involving any of
6	the following offenses:
7	(1) Prostitution; or
8	(2) Sexual abuse, sexual assault, or incest to submit to an appropriate human
9	immunodeficiency virus, HIV-related test.
10	(c) Upon a motion filed pursuant to subsection (b), a court shall require the defendant or
11	juvenile respondent to submit to HIV-related testing not later than forty-eight hours after the
12	issuance of the order: Provided, That HIV-related testing may not be performed later than forty-
13	eight hours after the filing of any indictment regarding an adult defendant or an adjudication order
14	regarding a juvenile respondent, without a court order based upon a finding of good cause.
15	(d) The results of testing performed pursuant to this section shall be provided to the
16	prosecuting attorney, who shall promptly transmit the results to:
17	(1) The victim or victim's parent or legal guardian;
18	(2) Counsel for the defendant or juvenile respondent; and
19	(3) The court having jurisdiction over the trial of the matter.
20	(e) HIV-related tests performed on persons charged with prostitution, sexual abuse or
21	assault, or incest shall be confidentially administered by a designee of the bureau or the local or
22	county health department having proper jurisdiction. The commissioner may designate health
23	care providers in regional jails or other correctional facilities to administer HIV-related tests on

such persons if he or she determines it necessary and expedient.

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- (g) A court may order follow-up tests for HIV as may be medically appropriate.
- (h) Costs associated with tests performed pursuant to this section may be charged to a defendant or juvenile respondent, unless a court determines that the defendant or juvenile is pecuniarily unable to pay.
- (1) If a defendant or juvenile is unable to pay, the cost of the HIV testing may be borne by the regional jail or other correctional or juvenile facility, the bureau, or the local health department.
- (2) If a defendant or juvenile who is ordered to be tested has health insurance, the local health department or other providers performing the test, may bill the defendant's or juvenile's health insurance for the cost of the test.
- (3) A defendant or juvenile ordered to submit to HIV-related tests by a magistrate or circuit court may not be permitted to remain anonymous and a local health department may administer and bill for the test.
- (i) A person convicted or a juvenile adjudicated of the offenses described in subsection (b) of this section shall be required to undergo HIV-related testing and counseling immediately upon conviction or adjudication and the court having jurisdiction of the matter may not release the convicted or adjudicated person from custody and shall revoke any order admitting the defendant or juvenile to bail until HIV-related testing and counseling have been performed and the result is known: *Provided*, That if the person convicted or adjudicated has already been tested in accordance with the provisions of this section, and the result is positive, that person need not be retested. The HIV-related test result is to be transmitted to the court and, after sentencing or adjudication, is to be made part of the court record. If the convicted or adjudicated person is placed in the custody of the Division of Corrections or Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority, or if the adjudicated juvenile is placed in the custody of the Division of Juvenile Services

or other out-of-home placement, the court shall transmit a copy of the convicted or adjudicated person's HIV-related test results to the appropriate custodial agency. The HIV-related test results shall be closed and confidential and disclosed by the court and the bureau only in accordance with the provisions of section three of this article.

(i) The prosecuting attorney shall inform a victim, or parent or guardian of the victim, of an offense described in subsection (b) of this section, at the earliest stage of the proceedings of the availability of voluntary HIV-related testing and counseling conducted by the bureau and that his or her best health interest would be served by submitting to HIV-related testing and counseling.

(1) HIV-related testing for a victim shall be administered at his or her request on a confidential basis and shall be administered in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines of the United States Public Health Service in effect at the time of such request.

(2) A victim who obtains an HIV-related test shall be provided with pretest and post-test counseling regarding the nature, reliability and significance of the HIV-related test and the confidential nature of the test.

(k) If a person who receives counseling or is tested under this section, is found to be HIV infected and is not incarcerated, the person shall be referred by the health care provider performing the counseling or testing for appropriate medical care and support services. The local or county health departments or any other agency under this subsection may not be held financially responsible for medical care and support services.

(I) If the HIV-related test required of a person charged with, or convicted of, prostitution, sexual abuse, sexual assault or incest results in a negative reaction, upon motion of the state, the court having jurisdiction over the criminal prosecution may require the subject of the test to submit to further HIV-related tests performed under the direction of the bureau in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines of the United States Public Health Service in effect at the time of the motion of the state.

(m) The costs of mandated testing and counseling provided under this section, and
preconviction and post-conviction HIV-related testing and counseling provided the victim under
the direction of the bureau pursuant to this subsection, shall be paid by the individual to be tested
or his or her medical insurance provider, if possible.
(n) A court having jurisdiction of a criminal prosecution shall order a person convicted of
prostitution, sexual abuse, sexual assault or incest to pay restitution to the state for the costs of

(n) A court having jurisdiction of a criminal prosecution shall order a person convicted of prostitution, sexual abuse, sexual assault or incest to pay restitution to the state for the costs of any HIV-related testing and counseling provided the convicted person and the victim, unless the court determines the convicted person is indigent.

(o) Any funds recovered by the state as a result of an award of restitution under this section shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of a special revenue fund to be known as the HIV-Testing Fund which is hereby created. The moneys so credited to the fund may be used solely by the bureau for the purposes of facilitating the performance of HIV-related testing and counseling under the provisions of this article.

#### §16-3C-2b. Commissioner's authority to order testing.

- (a) When the commissioner knows or has reason to believe, because of medical or epidemiological information, that a person, including, but not limited to, an IV drug abuser, or a person who may have a sexually transmitted disease, or a person who has sexually abused or assaulted another, has HIV infection and is or may be a danger to the public health, he or she may issue an order to:
- 6 (1) Require the person to be examined and tested to determine whether the person has
  7 HIV infection:
  - (2) Require the person with HIV infection to report to a qualified physician or health worker for counseling; and
- (3) Direct the person with HIV infection to cease and desist from specified conduct that
   endangers the health of others; and
  - (4) Bill that person for the necessary laboratory and associated costs for counseling and

testing either directly or by billing the person's medical insurance provider.

(b) If a person violates a cease-and-desist order issued pursuant to this section and, by virtue of that violation, the person presents a danger to the health of others, the commissioner may apply to the circuit court of Kanawha County to enforce the cease-and-desist order by imposing any restrictions upon the person necessary to prevent the specific conduct that endangers the health of others.

(c) The commissioner or his or her designees may require an HIV test for the protection of a person who was possibly exposed to HIV-infected blood or other body fluids as a result of receiving or rendering emergency medical aid or who possibly received such exposure as a funeral director. Results of such a test of the person causing exposure may be used by the requesting physician for the purpose of determining appropriate therapy, counseling and psychological support for the person rendering emergency medical aid including good Samaritans, as well as for the patient or individual receiving the emergency medical aid.

#### ARTICLE 4. SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

§16-4-19. Voluntary submission to examination and treatment; charges; disposition of money collected.

(a)(1) Any resident of the Any person state may at any time report to any municipal or county health efficer having jurisdiction of the case department and voluntarily submit himself or herself to all tests and examination as are examinations necessary to ascertain whether in fact the person submitting himself for he or she examination is infected with a venereal sexually transmitted disease; and said health officer to whom any party has applied as above for tests and examination shall provide for making all such the health department shall conduct and administer all necessary tests and examinations as are necessary to ascertain whether in fact said party so applying be so infected with a venereal the person has any sexual transmitted disease.

(2) A person who is tested for sexually transmitted diseases at a local health department pursuant to this subsection shall be responsible for paying the reasonable costs of testing, either

directly or through billing the person's medical provider.

(3) Local health departments may charge in accordance with their existing fee schedules and may charge patients for such testing on a sliding fee scale.

(b)(1) If such tests and examinations show said party so applying to be so infected, then said party a person tested and examined pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to have a sexually transmitted disease, then the person shall elect whether he or she will take treatment of from a private physician, or whether he or she will take treatment to be provided by the health officer through a clinic or otherwise, and from the local health department.

if he (2) If a person elects to take treatment through the local health officer's arrangement department, he or she may be required to pay for such treatment at a charge which shall in no case exceed the sum of \$5 for each dose of "neo" or arsphenamine administered for syphilis, and at a nominal cost for other medicines used; but if the patient is unable to pay anything, he shall be treated free of charge under the direction of the local health officer, at a clinic or otherwise either directly or by the local health department billing the person's health insurance provider.

- (3) Local health departments may charge in accordance with their existing fee schedules and may charge patients for treatment on a sliding fee scale.
- (4) No individual may be refused treatment at a local health department because of a lack of insurance or inability to pay.
- (c) All proper charges for such examination and treatment as that may be necessary hereunder shall be a proper charge against the municipality or county, as the case may be, whether said party so taking treatment lived in or out of a municipal corporation. And whether said person proposing to take treatment as provided hereunder elect to take from a private physician or elect to take treatment under the direction of the local health officer, he shall first sign the agreement required to be signed by persons about to be released from detention or quarantine, and shall observe all its provisions, and so long as such person so signing shall so observe these provisions he need not be detained or quarantined pending treatment, except that no person who

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(d) All money collected under this section shall be paid into a clinic fund, if one is provided, and if not then into the county or city treasury, as the case may be; to the local health department doing the testing and the local health officer having jurisdiction shall collect and account for such funds collected hereunder.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the prohibition on billing persons for HIV testing or testing for sexually transmitted diseases conducted by the state Bureau for Public Health or county or local health departments. The bill allows public health agencies to charge patients or their medical insurance providers for the reasonable costs for testing. It also clarifies the procedures for testing persons accused of a sexual offense for HIV or STDs.

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