

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2016 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4443**

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[Introduced February 8, 2016; Referred

to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §15-2-24c, relating to the Marshall University Forensic Science Center;  
 3 requiring the State Police to partner with the Marshall University Forensic Science Center;  
 4 and classifying it as a criminal justice agency so that it can participate in the National Data  
 5 Exchange.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
 2 section, designated §15-2-24c, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE.**

**§15-2-24c. Relationship with Marshall University Forensic Science Center.**

1 The superintendent shall partner with the Marshall University Forensic Science Center to  
 2 enhance the ability of the superintendent and the State Police to comply with their responsibilities.  
 3 To further this partnership the Legislature classifies the center as a criminal justice agency for  
 4 purposes under 28 U. S. C. § 534.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to classify the Marshall University Forensic Science Center as a criminal justice agency so that it can participate in the National Data Exchange.

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