

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

## 2016 REGULAR SESSION

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4488**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

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[Introduced February 11, 2016; Referred  
to the Committee on Political Subdivisions then  
Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §10-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to limiting audits of public libraries to a biennial schedule.

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

1 That §10-1-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

### **ARTICLE 1. PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**

#### **§10-1-20. Aid to libraries by Library Commission.**

1 The West Virginia Library Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to render  
2 such aid and assistance, financial, advisory and/or otherwise, to public, school, county, or regional  
3 libraries, whether established or maintained by said Library Commission or not, under such  
4 conditions and rules and regulations as the said commission deems necessary to further the  
5 interests of the state and best increase the efficiency of the service it is expected to render the  
6 public.

7 Having determined that the development and support of such libraries will further the  
8 education of the people of the state as a whole and will thereby aid in the discharge of the  
9 responsibility of the state to encourage and foster education, the West Virginia Library  
10 Commission is authorized and empowered to pay over and contribute to any board of library  
11 directors created and maintained pursuant to the provisions of this article or any special act of the  
12 Legislature such sum or sums of money as may be available from funds included in appropriations  
13 made for the West Virginia Library Commission for ~~such~~ that purpose. The amount of any ~~such~~  
14 payment or contribution by the commission to any ~~such~~ local library board of directors shall be  
15 determined in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commission. The Library  
16 Commission shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations governing the manner in  
17 which ~~such~~ an amount or amounts of money shall be accounted for and expended: *Provided,*  
18 That sums paid by the Commission to local library boards of directors shall be audited biennially.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to conserve funds by providing for biennial audits of local

libraries, which are now being audited annually.

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