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House Bill 4535

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to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-21-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to extending the length of time for the special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration
 3 Project to Improve Outcomes for At-Risk Youth.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §18-21-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 21. SPECIAL COMMUNITY-BASED PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
 TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.**

**§18-21-2. Creation of a special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve
 Outcomes for At-Risk Youth.**

1 Effective July 1, 2012, if funds are available, the Secretary of the West Virginia Department
 2 of Health and Human Resources shall select a community-based organization to establish a
 3 special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for At-Risk Youth in
 4 a specified community for a duration of ~~four~~ seven years. The project will identify, implement and
 5 document best practices that can be replicated in other communities. The designated community-
 6 based organization shall operate the special pilot project under the direction of the Secretary of
 7 the Department of Health and Human Resources and shall work in collaboration with the state
 8 School Superintendent, local county school superintendent, Chancellor for Community and
 9 Technical College Education, the closest community and technical college and four-year college
 10 or university, State Workforce Investment Division, Executive Director of the West Virginia
 11 Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the local juvenile court system, the local workforce investment
 12 board, the Chancellor for Higher Education, the Director of West Virginia Division of Juvenile
 13 Services, the local mental or behavioral health organizations and other governmental and
 14 community-based organizations.

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NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to extend the length of time for the special Community-Based Pilot Demonstration Project to Improve Outcomes for At-Risk Youth.

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