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for

House Bill 2841

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[Originating in the Committee on Finance;

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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §5F-2-8, relating to requiring board members to have attended a board
3 meeting in order to be compensated for the meeting; requiring the member to attest to his
4 or her attendance and it be witnessed; and requiring records be kept for at least five years.

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 §5F-2-8, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. TRANSFER OF AGENCIES AND BOARDS.

§5F-2-8. Compensation requirements for board members.

1 In order for a member of those boards identified in section one of this article to be
2 compensated for a board meeting he or she must have actually attended that meeting. Actual
3 attendance requires the member to be able to participate in any discussions or votes in a manner
4 that complies with the Open Governmental Proceedings Act and opinions issued by the Ethics
5 Commission Committee on Open Government Meetings as provided for in article nine-a, chapter
6 six. Board members who seek to be compensated for a meeting must sign a document attesting
7 that he or she attended the meeting on that date. The document must be witnessed and signed
8 by the executive director or another board member who also attended the meeting. These
9 documents shall be kept on file and available for inspection for a period of at least five years.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require board members to have attended a board meeting in order to be compensated for the meeting. The bill requires the member to attest to his or her attendance and it be witnessed. The bill requires records be kept for at least five years.

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