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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 436

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[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;
reported on March 1, 2017]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §5-3-6, relating to Attorney General's investigators; allowing them to carry
3 firearms while engaged in their official duties; establishing initial and ongoing training and
4 certification requirements; and requiring the designated investigators be bonded through
5 the Office of the Attorney General.

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 §5-3-6, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

§5-3-6. Authorizing Attorney General's investigators to carry firearms; qualification requirements.

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the Attorney General may
2 designate investigators employed by the Office of the Attorney General to carry firearms while
3 performing official duties: *Provided*, That as a condition of carrying a firearm during the
4 performance of official duties, a designated investigator must successfully complete a firearms
5 training course equivalent to the State Police Academy entry level law-enforcement certification
6 course, complete annual firearms qualifications equivalent to the annual firearms qualifications
7 standards for West Virginia certified law-enforcement officers as established by the Law
8 Enforcement Professional Standards Subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on Crime,
9 Delinquency and Correction and be bonded through the Office of the Attorney General.