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Senate Bill 667

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to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §5-28-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to modifying the composition of the Commission on Holocaust Education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 28. COMMISSION ON HOLOCAUST EDUCATION.

§5-28-2. Commission on holocaust education; compensation.

1 (a) Effective July 1, 2001, there is created the West Virginia commission on holocaust
 2 education.

3 (b) The commission is composed of ~~eleven~~ 13 members: Two members currently serving
 4 on the State Board of Education, selected by the board; the State Superintendent of Schools or
 5 his or her designee; the director of the division of veterans' affairs; one attorney from the Attorney
 6 General's office, civil rights division; one member of the Women's Commission; the director of the
 7 Office of Minority Affairs; one teacher who has completed professional development related to
 8 ~~holocaust education~~ world studies teaching at the high-school level and one teacher who has
 9 completed professional development related to ~~holocaust education~~ world studies teaching at the
 10 ~~junior-high or~~ middle-school level, each appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent
 11 of the Senate; and four state residents, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent
 12 of the Senate, who shall be: Individuals who are holocaust scholars or individuals experienced in
 13 the field of holocaust education or survivors, second generation, eye-witness/liberators or
 14 individuals recommended by the chair of the present holocaust education commission, created
 15 by executive order, who, by virtue of their interest, education or long-term involvement in human
 16 rights, prejudice reduction and holocaust education have demonstrated, through their past
 17 commitment and cooperation with the existing holocaust commission on education, their
 18 willingness to work for holocaust awareness and education in West Virginia.

19 (c) Members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of three years or until their
 20 prospective successors are appointed and qualified. Members are eligible for reappointment. Any
 21 member of the commission who fails to attend more than ~~two~~ three consecutive meetings without

22 an excuse approved by the commission may be removed from the commission. All vacancies
23 shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original appointment and the individual
24 appointed to fill the vacancy serves for the remainder of the unexpired term.

25 (d) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson for the commission for a term of three years
26 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

27 (e) The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall appoint a member of the House of
28 Delegates and the President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to serve as
29 advisors to the commission.

30 (f) Members of the commission are not entitled to compensation for services performed
31 as members but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred for each day
32 engaged in the performance of their official commission duties in a manner consistent with the
33 guidelines of the travel management office of the Department of Administration.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the composition of the commission for holocaust education.

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