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for

Senate Bill 658

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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to the West Virginia Sheriffs' Bureau of Professional Standards working with the sheriffs
3 of each county of the state to actively participate in and utilize all components of the
4 Handle With Care Program to help trauma-inflicted children in the public or private school
5 system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS.**

§7-26-2. General powers and duties; legislative rules.

1 ~~(a) The bureau shall have the power to contract and be contracted with relating to training~~
2 ~~and operation of state sheriff offices~~ may enter into contracts regarding training and operation of
3 state sheriffs' offices. The bureau may recommend policies and procedures to sheriffs' offices,
4 including, but not limited to, those that promote cooperation between all state and local law-
5 enforcement officers, eliminate duplication of work, promote the proper and efficient operation of
6 the office of the sheriff, and which seek to standardize operations of sheriffs' offices throughout
7 the state. The bureau may propose legislative rules which adopt a standard badge, uniform, and
8 color for the motor vehicles used by the various sheriffs and deputy sheriffs of West Virginia.

9 (b) The bureau may assist the sheriffs of each county of the state to provide Handle With
10 Care program training to law-enforcement supervisors and patrols and to actively participate in
11 and use all law enforcement-related components of the Handle With Care program to help
12 trauma-inflicted children in the public or private school systems.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the West Virginia Sheriffs' Bureau Of Professional Standards assist the sheriffs of each county of the state to provide training and actively participate in and use all law enforcement components of the "Handle With Care" program to help trauma-inflicted children in the public or private school system.

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