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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 671

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[Originating in the Committee on Health and Human

Resources; reported on March 26, 2021]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-4C-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to providing for the appointment of a Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services;
3 and requiring that the Office of Emergency Medical Services director be appointed by the
4 Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT.

**§16-4C-4. Office of Emergency Medical Services created; requiring appointment of a
Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services; staffing.**

1 (a) There is hereby created within state government under the Commissioner of the
2 Bureau of Public Health an office to be known as the Office of Emergency Medical Services. A
3 Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services shall be appointed by the Secretary of the
4 Department of Health and Human Resources to manage the office in a manner consistent with
5 the purposes of this article. The director shall have experience in the delivery and administration
6 of emergency medical services and related pre-hospital care. The director shall serve at the will
7 and pleasure of the secretary and shall not be actively engaged or employed in any other
8 business, vocation, or employment, serving full time as the Director of the Office of Emergency
9 Medical Services.

10 (b) The commissioner may employ any technical, clerical, stenographic, and other
11 personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article. The personnel may be
12 paid from funds appropriated therefor or from other funds as may be made available for carrying
13 out the purposes of this article.

14 (c) The Office of Emergency Medical Services, as created by former §16-4D-4 of this code,
15 shall continue in existence as the Office of Emergency Medical Services established by this
16 section.