

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 3167**

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Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
2 designated §25-8-1, relating to inmate cost for reading material.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 8. ACCESS TO REHABILITATION ACT.**

**§25-8-1. Prohibition on fees for reading.**

1 No correctional facility operated in the State of West Virginia shall assess any fee to  
2 inmates related to obtaining material to read, including, but not limited to, books, newspapers,  
3 educational material, e-reader, or electronic tablet of any kind which may be used to read.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit fees assessed to inmates for reading material.

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