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House Bill 4635

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §6B-2C-1 and §6B-2C-2, all relating to prohibiting the naming of any public infrastructure facilities owned or funded by the state from being named for a living current or former public officer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

article 2c. naming of state funded infrastructure.

§6B-2C-1. Definitions.

As used in this article:

“Public official” means any person who is elected or appointed to any state, county, or municipal office or position, including boards, agencies, departments, and commissions, or in any other regional or local governmental agency;

“Public infrastructure” means any physical structures used for public purposes, activities or functions that have been publicly funded, in whole or in part, including, but not limited to, real property and improvements thereto, including buildings, roads, bridges, dams, airports, harbors, railways, or other public transportation facilities; water or sewer systems, power generating systems, public utility property, or other state funded facilities.

§6B-2C-2. Limitation on naming of state funded infrastructure.

No public infrastructure may be named for a current or former public official that is still living.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the naming of any public infrastructure facilities owned or funded by the state from being named for a living current or former public officer.

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