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House Bill 2971

By Delegate Young

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, 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.

No correctional facility operated in the State of West Virginia shall assess any fee to inmates related to obtaining material to read, including, but not limited to, books, newspapers, 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.