

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 2971

By Delegate Young

[Introduced January 24, 2023; Referred to the
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.