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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1997

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SENATE BILL NO. 335

(By Senator WOOTEN, ET AL)

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(BY SENATORS WOOTON, BALL, BOWMAN, DITTMAR, FANNING,  
HUNTER, OLIVERIO, ROSS, SCHOONOVER, SNYDER, WHITE,  
BUCKALEW, DEEM, KIMBLE AND SCOTT)

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[Passed April 12, 1997; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend article seven, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section eight, relating to furnishing transcripts to indigent respondents in juvenile delinquency and child abuse and neglect civil proceedings; and providing for the payment of the cost of preparing the transcripts from appropriations to the supreme court of appeals.

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

That article seven, chapter fifty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section eight, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 7. OFFICIAL REPORTERS.**

**§51-7-8. Transcripts to be furnished indigent persons in juvenile delinquency and child abuse and neglect proceedings upon timely request; payment therefor.**

1 In any proceeding held pursuant to article five or six,  
2 chapter forty-nine of this code in which an indigent  
3 respondent or his or her counsel has filed a written  
4 request, in the manner prescribed by the supreme court of  
5 appeals, evidencing an intent to appeal a decision of a  
6 circuit court in the proceeding, the court, upon presenta-  
7 tion of a written request, presented within thirty days  
8 after the entry of the order sought to be appealed, shall  
9 authorize and direct the court reporter to furnish a  
10 transcript of the testimony of the proceeding or the part or  
11 parts thereof that have specifically been requested.

12 The court, after being sufficiently satisfied of the  
13 reasonableness of a voucher or claim submitted for  
14 payment of the cost of preparing the transcript, shall  
15 certify the cost to the state auditor, who shall, in a timely  
16 manner, pay the court reporter's fee from appropriations  
17 to the supreme court of appeals.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Ralph Schooner*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Nick Funtasia*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

*Darrell E. White*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Gregory W. Sams*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Carl Ray Tomblin*  
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President of the Senate

*[Signature]*  
.....  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *2nd*  
day of *May* ....., 1997.

*[Signature]*  
.....  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

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