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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-5-4a, all relating to salary enhancements for health care personnel at certain hospitals; establishing legislative findings; requiring the Division of Personnel and the Department of Health and Human Resources to develop pay rates and requirements for certain classified service positions at Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital and William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital; authorizing the Department of Health and Human Resources to provide funding from legislative appropriations; exempting pay rates and employment requirements from grievance procedures; and declaring that the provisions do not give rise to any private cause of action.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-5-4a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. SALARY INCREASE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

§5-5-4a. Psychiatrists, nurses and aides classifications.

- 1 (a) The Legislature finds that Mildred Mitchell-Bateman
- 2 Hospital and William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital have extreme
- 3 difficulty in recruiting and retaining physicians, physician
- 4 specialists, nurses, nursing directors, health service
- 5 workers, health service assistants, health service associates
- 6 and other employees who assist in the direct provision of
- 7 medical care to patients in those facilities.
- 8 (b) The West Virginia Division of Personnel and the
- 9 Department of Health and Human Resources jointly shall
- 10 develop pay rates and employment requirements to
- 11 support the recruitment and retention of physicians,
- 12 physician specialists, nurses, nursing directors, health
- 13 service workers, health service assistants, health service
- 14 associates or other positions at Mildred Mitchell-Bateman
- 15 Hospital and William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital. Pay rates
- 16 shall reflect the regional market rates for relevant posi-
- 17 tions. The pay rates and employment requirements shall
- 18 be put into effect by July 1, 2009.
- 19 (c) Funding for the pay rates and employment require-
- 20 ments shall be provided from the appropriation to the
- 21 Department of Health and Human Resources. Due to the
- 22 limits of funding, the implementation of the pay rates and
- 23 employment requirements shall not be subject to the
- 24 provisions of article two, chapter six-c of this code. The
- 25 provisions of this section are rehabilitative in nature and
- 26 it is the specific intent of the Legislature that no private
- 27 cause of action, either express or implied, shall arise
- 28 pursuant to the provisions or implementation of this
- 29 section.



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