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House Bill 2559

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Referred to Education then the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §18B-4-5b, relating to permitting an individual with a current West Virginia
 3 license to carry a concealed deadly weapon to carry such weapon on the campus of a
 4 state institution of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §18B-4-5b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

§18B-4-5b. Concealed carry on higher education campuses; exceptions.

1 (a) Any person who holds a current license to carry a concealed deadly weapon shall be
 2 permitted to carry a concealed deadly weapon on the campus of a state institution of higher
 3 education, except in any of the following circumstances:

4 (1) The institution of higher education designates a particular building on the institution’s
 5 campus in which dangerous and deadly weapons are prohibited, the institution of higher
 6 education provides armed security officers to monitor the building and the institution provides
 7 screening for dangerous deadly weapons at the entrances to the building during hours when the
 8 building is occupied;

9 (2) A local, state or federal agency with police powers may prohibit the carrying or
 10 possession of deadly weapons in a building or facility during an event in which the public is invited
 11 or charged a fee for admission; or

12 (3) During a public emergency on the campus of an institution of higher learning, the
 13 institution or a police agency may deny access to designated buildings and areas of campus to
 14 any person carrying a deadly weapon.

15 (b) For the purposes of this section, a “license to carry a concealed deadly weapon” refers
 16 to a current license, lawfully issued by the State of West Virginia pursuant to section four or section
 17 four-a of article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit an individual with a current West Virginia issued license to carry a concealed deadly weapon to carry such weapon on the campus of a state institution of higher education.

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