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Senate Bill 337

BY SENATOR BLAIR

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to the Committee on Government Organization; and
then to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §25-1-11f, relating to the hiring of correctional officers without regard to their
 3 placement on the correctional officer register.

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 §25-1-11f, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONS AND CORRECTIONS
 MANAGEMENT.**

25-1-11f. Hiring of Correctional Officer Is Without Regard to Position on the Register.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and any rule promulgated thereunder, any
 2 person applying for employment as a Correctional Officer I with the Division of Corrections shall
 3 be hired based on passage of the correctional officer assessment without regard to his or her
 4 position on the Correctional Officer I Register, and shall be placed in the civil service system as
 5 covered employees: *Provided*, That no such person shall be hired before an otherwise qualified
 6 person on a preference register.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the Division of Corrections to hire a person as a Correctional Officer no matter their placement on the correctional officer register.

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