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**FISCAL NOTE**

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House Bill 3148

By Delegate Holstein

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §49-2-130, relating to creating a renewable two-year state level grant for the purposes of foster parent screening; for combating abuse and institutional crimes; for abuse and trauma therapists; and for sex trafficking.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. state responsibilities for children.

§49-2-130. Renewable two-year grants for foster care.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources shall establish a two-year renewable grant program whereby state funds may be awarded for the purposes of strengthening foster parent screening; for combating abuse and institutional crimes; for the establishment of more abuse and trauma therapist positions; and for combatting sex trafficking generally in West Virginia.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources shall promulgate rules which ensure that the recipients of these funds are utilizing these funds appropriately. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources shall encourage the donation of funds from private and other sources to augment state funding for the grant program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create a renewable two-year state level grant for the purpose of foster parent screening, to combating abuse and institutional crimes, for abuse and trauma therapists, and for sex trafficking.

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