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House Bill 3148

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NOTE

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[Introduced March 15, 2021; Referred to the Committee on
Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §49-2-130, relating to creating a renewable two-year state level grant for the
 3 purposes of foster parent screening; for combating abuse and institutional crimes; for
 4 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.

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

6 The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources shall promulgate rules
 7 which ensure that the recipients of these funds are utilizing these funds appropriately. The West
 8 Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources shall encourage the donation of funds from
 9 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.