WEST virginia legislature

**FISCAL NOTE**

2021 regular session

Introduced

Senate Bill 398

By Senator Maroney

[Introduced February 23, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16-29, relating to a moratorium on coverage under the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Act unless the employer is the state, its boards, agencies, commissions, departments, institutions, or spending units, or a county board of education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.

§5-16-29. Moratorium on further PEIA expansion

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, on and after January 1, 2021, the director may not consider any employer eligible for coverage who is not the State of West Virginia, its boards, agencies, commissions, departments, institutions or spending units, or a county board of education.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to place a moratorium on coverage under the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Act unless the employer is the State, its boards, agencies, commissions, departments, institutions, or spending units, or a county board of 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.