

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 658**

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[Introduced March 17, 2021; referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-26-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to the West Virginia Sheriffs' Bureau of Professional Standards working with the sheriffs  
 3 of each county of the state to actively participate in and utilize all components of the  
 4 Handle With Care Program to help trauma-inflicted children in the public or private school  
 5 system.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.**

**§7-26-2. General powers and duties; legislative rules.**

1 (a) The bureau ~~shall have the power to~~ may contract and be contracted with relating to  
 2 training and operation of state sheriff offices. The bureau may recommend policies and  
 3 procedures to sheriff offices, including, but not limited to, those that promote cooperation between  
 4 all state and local law-enforcement officers, eliminate duplication of work, promote the proper and  
 5 efficient operation of the office of the sheriff and which seek to standardize operation of sheriff  
 6 offices throughout the state. The bureau may propose legislative rules which adopt a standard  
 7 badge, uniform and color for the motor vehicles used by the various sheriffs and deputy sheriffs  
 8 of West Virginia.

9 (b) The bureau shall work with the sheriffs of each county of the state to actively participate  
 10 in and utilize all components of the "Handle With Care" program to help trauma-inflicted children  
 11 in the public or private school system.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the West Virginia Sheriffs' Bureau Of Professional Standards working with the sheriffs of each county of the state to actively participate in and utilize all components of the "Handle With Care" program to help trauma-inflicted children in the public or private school system.

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