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House Bill 4315

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[Introduced January 21, 2022; Referred to the
Committee on Select Committee on Jails and Prisons
then the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
2 designated §62-17-1, relating to gender and correctional facility housing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 17. GENDER AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ASSIGNMENT.

§62-17-1. GENDER AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ASSIGNMENT.

1 When housed in a gender-specific facility, all inmates in the State of West Virginia shall
2 be placed based upon their biological gender at birth. No inmates shall choose to be housed with
3 another gender based upon legal or medical gender reassignment.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require inmates housed in the State of West Virginia to be assigned to gender-specific facilities based upon their biological gender at birth.

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