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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4662

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[Originating in the House Committee on Health and
Human Resources; reported on February 22, 2022]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §49-2-115a, relating to licensure of Head Start facilities in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN.

§49-2-115a. Head Start program licenses.

1 (a) A Head Start program in good standing with the United States Department of Health
2 and Human Services pursuant to 42 USC §9381, et seq., may request to be deemed a licensee
3 to operate a child care program for the sole purpose of utilizing the West Virginia Clearance for
4 Access: Registry and Employment Screenings program. At the discretion of the secretary, a
5 deemed licensee does not permit the licensee to access the other services provided by the
6 Bureau for Family Assistance as it relates to the child care program license.

7 (b) The section may not be construed to prevent the department from investigating
8 complaints regarding the health, safety, or welfare of children.

9 (c) The department shall propose a legislative rule by July 1, 2022, to effectuate this
10 section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate duplicative efforts to license Head Start facilities in this state.

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