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Senate Bill 661

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

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; and
3 eliminating duplication of efforts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Notwithstanding any provisions of this code to the contrary, any Head Start program
2 licensed by the federal government pursuant to 42 USC §9381 may be considered qualified as
3 being licensed and having met the application requirements of this section: *Provided*, That, it does
4 not have outstanding health or safety complaints or investigations and remains generally in good
5 standing. Nothing herein may be construed to prevent the department from investigating
6 complaints. If an investigation affirms a health and safety complaint is justified, the department
7 may cause the Head Start program to revert to the full licensing procedure. All Head Start
8 programs licensed, whether considered or under traditional licensure through the department,
9 shall have use of the WV CARES background check 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.