

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 3142**

By Delegate C. Pritt

[Introduced January 30, 2023; Referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §51-2A-25, all relating to the ability of family courts to order services provided  
3 by the Department of Health and Human Resources; and the costs for those services  
4 remain expenses of the department.

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

**ARTICLE 2A. FAMILY COURTS.**

**§51-2A-25. Court orders requiring services provided by Department of Health and Human Resources.**

1 In the course of fulfilling its duties under this article, a family court judge may order that a  
2 party participate in, complete, or otherwise avail himself or herself of a program or service  
3 provided by the Department of Health and Human Resources. In those circumstances, the  
4 department shall bear the cost of providing those services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to clarify the ability of family courts to order services provided by the Department of Health and Human Resources; and establish that the costs for those services remain expenses of the department.

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