

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 303

By Senators Stuart and Hamilton

[Introduced January 20, 2023; referred
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §61-7-18, relating to the creation of the Violent Crime Prevention Act; and
 3 requiring law enforcement to submit ballistics data to the National Integrated Ballistic
 4 Information Network (NIBIN) for certain firearm related crimes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

§61-7-18. Violent Crime Prevention Act.

1 (a) Law enforcement shall submit ballistics data to the National Integrated Ballistic
 2 Information Network ("NIBIN") for any individual who is charged with a firearms offense with
 3 respect to the following occurrences:
 4 (1) Violent crime;
 5 (2) Domestic disturbance; or
 6 (3) In connection with the distribution of a controlled substance.
 7 (b) Data shall be submitted by a law enforcement agency within one month of a charge
 8 brought upon an individual in the above three categories.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to strengthen and enhance identification of perpetrators and linkages of committed crimes to provide greater safety within communities.

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