WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

ENROLLED

House Bill 5430

By Delegates Kelly, Phillips, Hornby, Jeffries, Kimble, Hott, Holstein, and Pinson

[Passed March 9, 2024; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §51-3-20, relating to authorizing Supreme Court of Appeals to pay per diem compensation and expenses of certain newly appointed or elected judicial officers receiving training and education prior to taking oath of office and beginning term; and establishing rate of compensation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 3. COURTS IN GENERAL.**

**§51-3-20. Judicial officer education and training.**

(a) The Supreme Court of Appeals may, in its discretion, pay a newly appointed or elected circuit judge, family court judge, or magistrate per diem compensation and expenses for attending any training and education session prior to taking the oath of office and beginning his or her term.

(b) The Supreme Court of Appeals may compensate the judicial officers specified in subsection (a) of this section up to a rate equivalent to the daily per diem rate of senior status circuit judges, senior status family court judges, or senior status magistrates for each required day of attendance, plus travel expenses.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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 *Clerk of the Senate*

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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 *Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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 *President of the Senate*

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Day of ..........................................................................................................., 2024.

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 *Governor*