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Senate Bill 155

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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 for alleged use of firearm in connection with charges for certain
5 crimes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. DANGEROUS WEAPONS.

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

1 (a) West Virginia law-enforcement agencies shall submit required ballistics data to the
2 National Integrated Ballistic Information Network for any firearm that is alleged to have been used
3 in connection with the following offenses:

4 (1) A felony crime of violence against the person, as defined in §61-11-26(p)(3) of this
5 code;

6 (2) Domestic violence, as defined in §48-27-202 of this code; or

7 (3) The distribution of a controlled substance pursuant to §60A-4-401 et seq. of this code.

8 (b) Data shall be submitted by a law enforcement agency within one month of a charge
9 brought upon an individual in the above three categories.