

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 246

By Senator Stuart

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding 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 (NIBIN) for any firearm that is alleged to have
3 been used in connection with the following offenses:

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

5 (2) Domestic violence, as defined in §48-27-202; or

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

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.