

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 475

By Senator Stuart

[Introduced February 14, 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; requiring
3 ballistic data be submitted to the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network for
4 alleged use of a firearm in connection with charges for certain crimes; and providing a time
5 frame for law enforcement to submit the data.

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);
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 create the Violent Crime Prevention Act; require ballistic data be submitted to the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network for alleged use of a firearm in connection with charges for certain crimes; and provide a timeframe for law enforcement to submit the data.

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