

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Enrolled

Senate Bill 828

BY SENATORS RUCKER AND GARCIA

[Passed April 4, 2025; in effect 90 days from passage

(July 3, 2025)]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-8B-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to sexual offenses against incarcerated, detained, or under supervision persons;
3 and clarifying that any person employed by the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation
4 pursuant to a contract includes contracted staff that work for vendors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 8B. SEXUAL OFFENSES.

§61-8B-10. Imposition of sexual acts on persons incarcerated, detained, or under supervision; penalties.

1 (a) Any person employed by the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, any person
2 working at a correctional or juvenile facility managed by the Commissioner of Corrections and
3 Rehabilitation pursuant to contract, such as a vendor, or as an employee of a state agency or as
4 a volunteer or any person employed by, or acting pursuant to, the authority of any sheriff, county
5 commission, municipality, or court to ensure compliance with the provisions of §62-11B-1 *et seq.*
6 of this code who engages in sexual intercourse, sexual intrusion, or sexual contact with a person
7 who is incarcerated or detained in this state is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall
8 be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one
9 nor more than five years, or both fined and imprisoned.

10 (b) Any person employed by the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation as a parole
11 officer or by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals as an adult or juvenile probation officer,
12 who engages in sexual intercourse, sexual intrusion, or sexual contact with a person said parole
13 officer or probation officer is charged as part of his or her employment with supervising, is guilty
14 of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned in a
15 state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than five years, or both fined and
16 imprisoned.

17 (c) Any person working or volunteering in an alternative sentence program authorized by
18 the provisions of §62-11C-1 *et seq.* of this code who, as part of his or her employment or volunteer

19 duties, supervises program participants, and engages in sexual intercourse, sexual intrusion, or
20 sexual contact with a program participant is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall
21 be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one
22 nor more than five years, or both fined and imprisoned.

23 (d) The term "incarcerated or detained in this state" for purposes of this section includes,
24 in addition to its usual meaning, adult offenders serving a sentence or a period of supervision
25 under the provisions of §62-11B-1 *et seq.* of this code, and juvenile offenders detained,
26 committed, or serving a period of supervision under the provisions of §62-11B-1 *et seq.* of this
27 code.

28 (e) An authorized pat-down, strip search, or other security-related task does not constitute
29 sexual contact pursuant to this section.

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

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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Day of, 2025.

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Governor