

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2025 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 888

By Senator Takubo

[Introduced March 24, 2025; referred to
the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and
then 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 §16-53-4, relating to describing the progression of treatment for substance use
 3 disorder.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 53. ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
 FACILITIES.**

§16-53-4. Progression of treatment for substance use disorder.

1 (a) When someone is first entering drug treatment, they are in the initiation phase and must
 2 provide a comprehensive test. After this, and continuing for six weeks, a qualitative test must be
 3 done every two weeks for six weeks.

4 (b) Next, the patient moves into the stabilization phase and must undergo a qualitative test
 5 every 45 days for one year.

6 (c) Following this, the patient moves into the maintenance phase and must undergo a
 7 qualitative test every six months thereafter.

8 (d) At any point the provider wants to assess compliance, the patient must be willing to
 9 produce a qualitative or quantitative test upon the provider request.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to describe the progression of treatment for substance use disorder.

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