

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 4144

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Delegate Pritt

[Introduced January 14, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding ~~ta~~ a new section,
2 designated §5-5-2a, relating to granting eligible state employees annual Christmas
3 bonuses based on state surplus revenues if those revenues exceed \$100 million annually.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. SALARY INCREASE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

§5-5-2a. Granting annual Christmas bonuses to eligible state employees, if surplus revenues exceed \$100 million annually.

1 (a) Every eligible employee with three or more years of service shall receive an annual
2 Christmas bonus equal to \$500; if the state surplus revenue exceeds \$100 million annually and
3 funds are available for this bonus.
4 (b) This annual Christmas bonus is in addition to any across-the-board, cost-of-living, or
5 percentage salary increases which may be granted in any fiscal year by the Legislature.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant an annual Christmas bonus to eligible state employees if state surplus revenue exceeds \$100 million annually.

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