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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4850

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[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;

Reported on February 18, 2026]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §44-1-1a, relating to requiring the West Virginia State Bar to provide publicly
3 accessible educational materials on the administration of wills and estates; requiring free
4 public access on the State Bar’s website; requiring conspicuous placement; providing for
5 accessibility to individuals with sight-impairment; and establishing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES.
§44-1-1a. Online educational training for Executors.

1 Beginning January 1, 2028, the West Virginia State Bar shall make available on its official
2 website educational materials concerning the administration of wills and estates, covering the
3 duties and responsibilities of executors and administrators, including acting as a fiduciary. The
4 materials shall be available to the public without charge, displayed in a conspicuous and easily
5 accessible location on the State Bar’s website, and be accessible to individuals with sight-
6 impairment.