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House Bill 5028

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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[Introduced February 02, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,
2 designated §5B-2P-1, instituting the "Small Town Main Street Recovery Act," requiring the
3 Department of Economic Development to provide municipalities with fewer than 25,000
4 people with specific development and improvement grants, and providing an application
5 process.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2P. SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET RECOVERY ACT.

§5B-2P-1. Small Town Main Street Recovery Program.

1 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall provide grants for facade
2 improvements, small business assistance, and broadband upgrades in municipalities under
3 25,000 population.

4 (b) Applications supported by municipal governments in coordination with county
5 commissions or regional development authorities shall receive priority consideration.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create the Small Town Main Street Recovery Act.

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