

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5044**

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

By Delegates Toney, Cooper, and Roop

[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 section,  
2 designated §7-1-5b, relating to the rural county stabilization program.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE            1.            COUNTY            COMMISSIONS            GENERALLY.**

**§7-1-5b. Rural county stabilization program.**

- 1            (a) State agencies shall provide simplified grant applications and multi-year funding  
2 options for eligible rural counties.
- 3            (b) Counties may enter into shared-service agreements for administrative and grant writing  
4 and management functions.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to change the grant process for counties.

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