

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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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.