

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 5075**

By Delegate Young

[Introduced February 03, 2026; referred to the

Committee on the Judiciary then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §15A-3-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to providing a 15 percent raise to non-uniformed workers within the Division of Corrections  
3 and Rehabilitation.

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

**ARTICLE 3. DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION.**

**§15A-3-7. Compensation of employees; traveling and other expenses.**

1 (a) The commissioner shall, in accordance with the provisions of §29-6-1 *et seq.* of this  
2 code, approve the salaries of all employees of the division. Salaries shall be commensurate with  
3 their duties and responsibilities, but no meals or other emoluments of any kind shall be furnished,  
4 given, or paid to the employee as all or part of their salary. The employees may be provided meals,  
5 household facilities, and supplies as may be necessary for them to perform their duties, if the  
6 employees agree to pay the reasonable cost as established by the commissioner. In the event of  
7 an emergency, such as a riot or other disturbance, the commissioner may authorize meals to be  
8 provided to employees at no cost. Additionally, the commissioner may establish a procedure to  
9 reimburse employees reasonable costs in the event the employee's personal property is stolen or  
10 damaged by an inmate or resident. All persons employed under this article are entitled to be  
11 reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses.

12 (b) Non-uniformed workers within the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall enjoy  
13 a 15 percent raise to their current wages upon passage of this bill.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a 15 percent raise to non-uniformed workers within the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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