

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

House Bill 5633

By Delegate Pushkin

[Introduced February 17, 2026; referred to the
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §5-26-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
 2 extending the expiration date on a pilot program administered by the Herbert Henderson
 3 Office on Minority Affairs to promote public health through comprehensive community
 4 development.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 26. HERBERT HENDERSON OFFICE ON MINORITY AFFAIRS.

§5-26-3. Establishment of a community-based pilot project.

1 (a) The office shall establish a community-based pilot project. The pilot expires on July 1,
 2 ~~2024~~ 2031. The pilot shall develop a model to promote public health through comprehensive
 3 community development in communities across West Virginia. This model shall address poverty,
 4 substance abuse and other social determinants of health; improve community and populations'
 5 health; improve labor force participation; and support economic development through
 6 comprehensive community development in rural, suburban and urban communities.

7 (b) As selected by the executive director, the pilot shall include a collaborative of nonprofit
 8 organizations.

9 (c) The pilot shall be funded by coordinating existing funded projects. The pilot shall
 10 leverage existing resources, including housing and urban development services provided by the
 11 federal government and any youth, education and family services offered by the state government
 12 or other local organizations. If funds are available, the pilot project may receive funding from the
 13 office.

14 (d) The office shall report to the Select Committee on Minority Affairs Interim Committee on
 15 the efforts and progress of the pilot program.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to extend the expiration date on a pilot administered by the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs to promote public health through comprehensive community development.

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