

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 279

BY Senator Rucker

[Introduced January 15, 2026; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to
3 behavioral health center's licensure.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 5B. AUTHORIZATION FOR OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO
PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

§64-5B-1. Office of Inspector General.

1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on May 29, 2025, authorized under the
2 authority of §27-9-1 of this code, relating to the Office of Inspector General (behavioral health
3 centers licensure, 71 CSR 25), is authorized with the following amendment:

4 On page 2, by inserting a new subsection 2.7. to read as follows: "2.7. The director shall
5 deem the license of a child placing agency providing behavioral health services within the scope of
6 its license as described in 78CSR02.";

7 And,

8 Renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Office of Inspector General to promulgate
a legislative rule relating to behavioral health centers licensure.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.