

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 451

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced January 16, 2026; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to extend the timeframe for the department to identify relatives and fictive kin of the child.

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