

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 663**

By Senator Chapman

[Introduced January 29, 2026; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;  
and then to the Committee on the Judiciary]



21 by order entered upon the order book of the circuit court and are effective when filed with the Clerk  
22 of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

23 (c) Prior to the 2003 regular session of the Legislature and annually thereafter, the  
24 Supreme Court of Appeals shall report to the Legislature on the caseload in each family court  
25 circuit and shall recommend changes to the management of the family court as the Supreme Court  
26 of Appeals deems warranted or necessary to improve the family court.

27 (d) The Supreme Court of Appeals shall promulgate a procedural rule to establish time-  
28 keeping requirements for family court judges, family case coordinators and secretary-clerks of  
29 family court judges so as to assure the maximum funding of incentive payments, grants and other  
30 funding sources available to the state for the processing of cases filed for the location of absent  
31 parents, the establishment of paternity and the establishment, modification and enforcement of  
32 child support orders.

33 (e) Except in cases of medical neglect, a family court judge may not order a medical  
34 procedure or treatment of a child if a parent objects to such medical procedure or treatment.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit a family court judge from order medical treatment against the parent's wishes.

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