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Senate Bill 900

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to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §61-16-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to including jails, state correctional facilities, juvenile detention centers, and federal
3 correctional facilities in the definition of the term "targeted facility".

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 16. USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

§61-16-1. Definitions.

1 As used in this article:

2 (1) "Aircraft" means any device now known or subsequently invented, used, or designed
3 for flight in the air, including, but not limited to, unmanned aerial vehicles;

4 (2) "Targeted facility" means a critical infrastructure facility, as defined in §61-10-34 of this
5 code, and shall also include any jail, state correctional facility, juvenile detention center, or federal
6 correctional facility.

7 (3) "Unmanned aerial vehicles" means an aircraft that is operated without direct human
8 intervention from inside or on the aircraft and includes the crewmember, the associated support
9 equipment, the control station, data links, telemetry, communications, and navigation equipment
10 necessary to operate the unmanned aircraft, including, but not limited to, drones;

11 (4) "Unmanned aerial vehicle operator" or "operator" means a person exercising control
12 over an unmanned aerial vehicle during flight.