

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4809**

By Delegates Funkhouser and Leavitt

[Introduced January 26, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article,  
2 designated §11-29-1, §11-29-2, §11-29-3, and §11-29-4, relating to creating the Caregiver  
3 Tax Credit Act; defining the terms used throughout the article; listing the guidelines for  
4 implementation; and providing an effective date of January 1, 2028.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

| <b>ARTICLE</b> | <b>29.</b> | <b>CAREGIVER</b> | <b>TAX</b> | <b>CREDIT</b> | <b>ACT.</b> |
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| <b><u>§11-29-1.</u></b> | <b>Short</b> | <b>Title.</b> |
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1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Caregiver Tax Credit Act.

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| <b><u>§11-29-2.</u></b> | <b>Definitions.</b> |
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1 As used in this article:

2 (1) "Activities of daily living" means:

3 (A) Ambulating, which is the extent of an individual's ability to move from one position to  
4 another and walk independently;

5 (B) Feeding, which is the ability of an individual to feed oneself;

6 (C) Dressing, which is the ability to select appropriate clothes and to put the clothes on  
7 without aid;

8 (D) Personal hygiene, which is the ability to bathe and groom oneself and maintain dental  
9 hygiene and nail and hair care;

10 (E) Continence, which is the ability to control bladder and bowel function; and

11 (F) Toileting, which is the ability to get to and from the toilet without aid, using it  
12 appropriately, and cleaning oneself.

13 (2) "Eligible expenditure" means:

14 (A) An improvement or alteration to the family caregiver's or eligible family member's  
15 primary residence to permit the eligible family member to live in the residence and to remain  
16 mobile, safe, and independent;

17 (B) An improvement or alteration to the family caregiver's or eligible family member's

18 primary vehicle to improve accessibility or permit the eligible family member to be transported  
19 safely;

20 (C) The family caregiver's purchase or lease of equipment, including, but not limited to,  
21 durable medical equipment that is necessary to assist an eligible family member in carrying out  
22 one or more activities of daily living; and

23 (D) Other paid or incurred expenses by the family caregiver that assist the family caregiver  
24 in providing care to an eligible family member, such as expenditures related to:

25 (i) Hiring a home care aide or other direct care worker,

26 (ii) Respite care,

27 (iii) Adult day care,

28 (iv) Transportation,

29 (v) Legal and financial services,

30 (vi) Health care equipment, and

31 (vii) Assistive technology.

32 The eligible expenditure must be directly related to assisting the family caregiver in  
33 providing care to an eligible family member. Eligible expenditure does not include the carrying out  
34 of general household maintenance activities such as, but not limited to, painting, plumbing,  
35 electrical repairs, or exterior maintenance. Eligible expenditures only include out-of-pocket  
36 expenses that have not been reimbursed, credited, paid, or otherwise covered by another  
37 individual, organization, provider, or government entity.

38 (3) "Eligible family member" means an individual who:

39 (A) Is 18 years of age or older;

40 (B) Is a dependent, spouse, parent, or other relation by blood or marriage to the family  
41 caregiver;

42 (C) Lives in a private residential home and not in an assisted living center, nursing facility,  
43 or residential care home; and

44 (D) Requires assistance with at least one activity of daily living, as certified by a licensed  
45 health care provider, as defined in §16-46-2 of this code.

46 (4) "Family caregiver" means an individual who:

47       (A) Is a resident individual for the taxable year, as defined in §11-21-7 of this code. If the  
48       resident taxpayer files a joint return, the term includes the individual and the individual's husband  
49       or wife as recognized by §11-21-11 of this code;

50                   (B) Is providing care, which can include physical or financial support, for an eligible family  
51                   member; and

52                   (C) Has personally incurred uncompensated expenses directly related to the care of an  
53                   eligible family member.

### §11-29-3.

## Implementation.

1                   (a) For taxable years beginning after January 1, 2028, the state shall allow a credit against  
2                   the income tax imposed pursuant to §11-21-11 of this code in the amount of 50% for eligible  
3                   expenditures incurred by a family caregiver for the support of an eligible family member.

(b) The maximum allowable credit authorized by this section is \$2,000.

5                   (c) The credit authorized by §11-29-3 of this code is a nonrefundable credit. The family  
6                   caregiver shall not carry forward any unused amount of the credit.

7                   (d) The West Virginia Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules necessary to  
8                   implement and administer the credit authorized by this section.

**§11-29-4.**

## Effective

Date.

1 This act shall become effective January 1, 2028.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a tax credit for eligible family members providing caregiver services to an eligible family member.

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