

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 598

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Senator Azinger

[Introduced January 23, 2026; referred
to the Committee on Government Organization; and
then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §5A-4-7, relating to General Services Division; and replacing the statue of the
3 Honorable Robert C. Byrd with a statue of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, James
4 Madison, and Arthur I. Boreman, one each, placed in a corner of the rotunda of the Capitol.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION.

**§5A-4-7. Replacement of statue of Robert C. Byrd with statues of George Washington,
Abraham Lincoln, James Madison, and Arthur I. Boreman.**

1 (a) The Legislature directs the secretary of the Department of Administration to plan and
2 replace the statue of Robert C. Byrd with a statue of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln,
3 James Madison, and Arthur I. Boreman, one each, placed in a corner of the rotunda of the Capitol.
4 (b) The General Services Division of the Department of Administration shall use funds from
5 the special "capitol renovation and improvement fund" previously created for funding of the
6 replacement of the Robert C. Byrd statue and creation and placement of the statues of George
7 Washington, Abraham Lincoln, James Madison, and Arthur I. Boreman.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to replace the statue of the Robert C. Byrd with a statue of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, James Madison, and Arthur I. Boreman, placed in each corner of the rotunda of the Capitol.

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