

Personalized Bill Tracking List

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Bill	Title	SA(Same As)/ SI(Similar To)	Last Action	Committee Reference	Notes
<u>SB 54</u>	Establishing criminal penalties for abuse or neglect of incapacitated adults		01/14/26 - To Senate Judiciary	Senate Reference 1 - Judiciary	A BILL to amend and reenact §61-2-29 and §61-2-29a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to abuse or neglect of incapacitated adults; providing definitions; creating criminal penalties; and removing the element of malice in felony charges of certain caregiver actions resulting in death of an incapacitated adult.
<u>SB 136</u>	Providing reports to DMV on mental and physical disabilities for driver's license		01/14/26 - To Senate Judiciary	Senate Reference 1 - Judiciary	elating to providing reports on mental or physical disabilities, or disorders, to the Division of Motor Vehicles to determine an individual's medical competency to retain their driver's license; and providing that this section shall be known as McKayla, Miranda, and Philip's Law.
<u>SB 160</u>	Creating mental hygiene regions by Supreme Court of Appeals		01/14/26 - To Senate Judiciary	Senate Reference 1 - Judiciary Senate Reference 2 - Finance	Relating to requiring the West Virginia Board of Education to promulgate a legislative rule in consultation with the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy that governs concussion protocol, education, and training to prevent concussions and the development of a Concussion Education Prevention and Response Plan; allowing the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy to provide a draft rule; specifying who the rule applies to; requiring initial rule to comply with certain concussion-related code section; allowing recommendation for code section to be amended or repealed; requiring rule to specify individuals who are to receive concussion-related education; and requiring a school to adopt a Concussion Education, Prevention, and Response Plan in accordance with the rule.
<u>SB 192</u>	Establishing offense of assault upon service animal	<u>SI SB688</u>	01/14/26 - To Senate Judiciary	Senate Reference 1 - Judiciary	elating to establishing the offense of assault upon a service animal; and creating criminal penalties.

SB 385	Division of Rehabilitation Services rule relating to Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Act Board	SI HB4334	01/28/26 - To House Reported in Com. Sub. for S. B. 374	Senate Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Rehabilitation Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Act Board.
SB 399	Creating Bring Them Home Fund	SI HB4021	01/15/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to provide for the renovation and repair of state-owned properties and buildings to expand high-acuity psychiatric, neurodevelopmental, and trauma services for children in West Virginia.
SB 439	Creating Residential Treatment Capacity Expansion Fund	SI HB4388	01/16/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to create a special revenue account, the Residential Treatment Capacity Expansion Fund, to support the recruitment, development, and expansion of in-state residential treatment providers for children
SB 446	Including certain mental health disorders in existing public health programs		01/21/26 - To Senate Finance	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to include postpartum depression, anxiety, psychosis, and obsessive-compulsive disorders in existing public health programs.
SB 465	Creating Caregiver Tax Credit Act	SI HB4809 SI SB766	01/16/26 - To Senate Finance	Senate Reference 1 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to establish a tax credit for eligible family members providing caregiver services to an eligible family member.
SB 493	Relating to open captioning for motion pictures		01/30/26 - To Senate Judiciary	Senate Reference 1 - Government Organization Senate Reference 2 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to require exhibitors of motion pictures who operate two or more theaters in more than one location in this state to provide open captioning during at least two showings per week of each motion picture that is produced and offered with open captioning.
SB 537	Creating Closed Captioning Act		01/20/26 - To Senate Government Organization	Senate Reference 1 - Government Organization Senate Reference 2 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to enact the Closed Captioning Act. The bill requires public places that have televisions for use by the public to have at least one half of those televisions to have their closed captioning feature activated at all times. The bill creates an exception. The bill defines terms, and establishes an effective date.

SB 545	Creating special revenue account to expand in-state residential treatment capacity for children	<u>SI HB4619</u>	01/20/26 - To Senate Finance	Senate Reference 1 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to create a special revenue account, the Residential Treatment Capacity Expansion Fund, to support the recruitment, development, and expansion of in-state residential treatment providers for children.
SB 604	Extending Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date	<u>SI HB4474</u>	02/11/26 - To Senate On 3rd reading 3rd Reading	Senate Reference 1 - Government Organization	The purpose of this bill is to extend the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date.
SB 649	Requiring coverage of home blood pressure monitoring devices for certain Medicaid recipients		01/28/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to require Medicaid coverage for blood pressure monitoring devices to be offered to certain persons who have been diagnosed with hypertension
SB 650	Designating psychiatric hospital that treats exclusively civil and forensic patients	<u>SI HB4981</u>	01/28/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to establish that a psychiatric hospital with an average annual inpatient census patient mix of greater than 95 percent of court-ordered forensic and civil involuntary commitments from state custody or from a state-owned hospital qualifies as a "state-designated facility" for purposes of the statute.
SB 766	Creating Caregiver Tax Credit Act	<u>SI SB465</u>	02/05/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to establish a tax credit for eligible family members providing caregiver services to an eligible family member.
SB 777	Creating Outdoor West Virginians with Disabilities Act		02/05/26 - To Senate Natural Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Natural Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to create the Outdoor West Virginians with Disabilities Act. The bill provides for a short title. The bill establishes definitions. The bill provides updates to travel management plans and motor vehicle use plans. The bill clarifies motor vehicle use maps and designation of certain public land as open, limited, or closed to off-road vehicles. Finally, the bill clarifies the effect of the article.

<u>SB 778</u>	Relating to eligibility for homebound services for exceptional children	02/05/26 - To Senate Education	Senate Reference 1 - Education	The purpose of this bill is to remove a significant barrier for families by ensuring that students receive timely educational support through allowing nurse practitioners and physicians assistants, as well as physicians, to certify eligibility for homebound services.	
<u>SB 869</u>	Creating WV Housing Stability Fund	02/09/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to create the West Virginia Housing Stability Fund. The bill authorizes the fund, to be administered by the Secretary of Human Services, for purposes of distributing grant funding to child welfare agencies, housing authorities, and qualifying nonprofit organizations. The bill provides for grant funding to be used to provide housing assistance vouchers and utility bill assistance payments to qualifying recipients.	
<u>SB 884</u>	Requiring coverage of treatment for certain pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders in certain circumstances	02/09/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to require PEIA, Medicaid, and other health insurance providers to cover for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome if certain conditions are met.	
<u>HB 4021</u>	Bring them Home Fund.	<u>SI SB399</u>	01/23/26 - To House House Finance	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance House Reference 1 - Judiciary House Reference 2 - Courts	The purpose of this bill is to provide for the renovation and repair of state-owned properties and buildings to expand high-acuity psychiatric, neurodevelopmental, and trauma services for children in West Virginia.
<u>HB 4036</u>	Relating to stricter enforcement for parking in a handicapped designated spot	02/03/26 - To Senate Transportation and Infrastructure	Senate Reference 1 - Transportation and Infrastructure Senate Reference 2 - Judiciary	relating to designated accessible parking for persons with a mobility impairment; increasing certain penalties for illegally parking, stopping, standing, or blocking access to a designated accessible parking space, or illegally creating, obtaining and use of special plates or windshield cards issued to mobility impaired persons; establishing a program to increase public awareness of the applicable law	

<u>HB 4069</u>	To remove the helmet law in West Virginia.	01/14/26 - To House House Finance	House Reference 1 - Finance House Reference 2 - Judiciary	relating to motorcycle safety equipment and removing the helmet and eye protection requirements.
<u>HB 4169</u>	Relating to mental health examination requirements.	01/30/26 - To Senate Judiciary	House Reference 1 - Judiciary House Reference 2 - Legal Services Senate Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to aligning mental health examination requirements with those required for involuntary hospitalizations. (firearms related)
<u>HB 4176</u>	To allow youth and handicapped hunters to harvest a buck deer or doe during youth/handicapped special hunts	01/14/26 - To House House Agriculture, Commerce and urism	House Reference 1 - Government Organization House Reference 2 - Agriculture, Commerce, and Tourism	The purpose of this bill is to allow youths and those carrying a Class Q special hunting permit to take antlered deer.
<u>HB 4177</u>	Limit property tax increases on certain individuals	01/14/26 - To House House Finance	House Reference 1 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to limit property tax increases for individuals who are over 65, permanently disable, or widowed, and earn less than \$20,000 per year.
<u>HB 4196</u>	To offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients receiving methadone and suboxone at the treatment facility for the methadone and suboxone	01/28/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources	The purpose of this bill is to require licensed programs, under the Medication-Assisted Treatment Program Licensing Act, to offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients recovering from addiction to new and current patients.
<u>HB 4334</u>	Relating to authorizing the Rehabilitation Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Act Board	01/14/26 - To House House Energy and Public Works	House Reference 1 - Energy and Public Works	

<u>HB 4348</u>	Relating to health insurance for living organ donors	<i>01/29/26 - To House House Banking and Insurance</i>	House Reference 1 - Finance House Reference 2 - Banking and Insurance	The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the denial, cancellation, or other discrimination in policies of life insurance, sickness, disability, or long-term care insurance due to the status of the insured as a living organ donor.
<u>HB 4384</u>	Providing for temporary suspension of medical power of attorney in certain instances	<i>01/15/26 - To House House Judiciary</i>	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to suspend any medical power of attorney in place for a vulnerable adult when an adult protective services investigation is ongoing and to fully invalidate the medical power of attorney if abuse is substantiated by a court
<u>HB 4388</u>	Creating a special revenue account to expand in-state residential treatment capacity for children	<u>SI SB439</u> <i>01/15/26 - To House House Finance</i>	House Reference 1 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to create a special revenue account, the Residential Treatment Capacity Expansion Fund, to support the recruitment, development, and expansion of in-state residential treatment providers for children.
<u>HB 4449</u>	Permitting cameras in classrooms	<u>SI HB4122</u> <i>01/19/26 - To House House Public Education</i>	House Reference 1 - Education House Reference 2 - Judiciary House Reference 3 - Public Education	The purpose of this bill is to permit the use of cameras in classrooms.
<u>HB 4495</u>	To allow municipalities to regulate sober living housing in the cities	<i>01/19/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources</i>	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to provide municipalities with the authority to regulate sober living housing within the cities, require that applications must be submitted and approved by the city prior to the facility commencing its operations, granting the municipalities the right to waive or require voluntary certification, and granting municipalities the right to require renewals and inspections of sober living facilities.
<u>HB 4502</u>	Create license plate for autism awareness	<i>01/19/26 - To House House Energy and Public Works</i>	House Reference 1 - Energy and Public Works	The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue special registration plates for autism awareness.
<u>HB 4554</u>	Creating Persons with Disabilities Registry	<i>01/20/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources</i>	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to create a Persons with Disabilities Registry; and provide for a public records exemption.

HB 4564	Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	<u>SI</u> <u>HB4597</u> <u>SI SB7</u>	01/20/26 - To House House Finance	House Reference 1 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption from \$20,000 to \$40,000.
HB 4609	Allowing Magistrates under certain circumstances to be able to order a mental evaluation		01/20/26 - To House House Judiciary	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	relating to bail; and allowing magistrates under certain circumstances to order mental evaluations.
HB 4740	Statutory Commitments in Rural Health Transformation Program	<u>SI</u> <u>SB571</u>	02/04/26 - To Senate Government Organization	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 1 - Government Organization	Rural Health Transformation Program presents an unprecedented opportunity for the State to make critical improvements to health care in rural areas.
HB 4766	Change the Homestead Exemption		01/23/26 - To House House Finance	House Reference 1 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to increase the Homestead Exemption for certain homeowners from \$20,000 to 50% of the assessed value of the homestead, unless the assessed property value is less than \$40,000, in which case the exemption would be the first \$20,000 of assessed value.
HB 4770	Establishing limitations on the use of artificial intelligence and artificial intelligence technology to deliver mental health care, with exceptions for administrative support functions		02/03/26 - To House House Finance	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to establish regulations governing the use of artificial intelligence in the administration and delivery of mental health care in West Virginia.
HB 4807	Relating generally to the creation of mental hygiene regions by the Supreme Court of Appeals		01/26/26 - To House House Judiciary	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to create of mental hygiene regions in the state, permit evaluations to be conducted by video, grant civil immunity to providers, and clarify commitment periods.
HB 4821	Creating the Affordable Medicaid Buy-In Program		01/26/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to create the Affordable Medicaid Buy-In Program.

HB 4840	Exempt federally qualified health centers from having to obtain a prior authorization for behavioral health services	<i>01/27/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources</i>	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources	The purpose of this bill is to exempt federally qualified health centers from having to obtain a prior authorization for behavioral health services.
HB 4995	Require the use of video cameras in certain special education classrooms	<i>01/30/26 - To House House Education</i>	House Reference 1 - Education House Reference 2 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to provide for the creation of "Oscar's Law." The bill addresses video cameras within special education classrooms. The bill provides protections for nonverbal and autistic children.
HB 5003	Relating to the process for involuntary hospitalization	<i>SI SB742</i> <i>01/30/26 - To House House Judiciary</i>	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to clarify who may order involuntary hospitalizations and when mental hygiene petitions may be filed after involuntary treatment.
HB 5005	Providing liability protection for video cameras in certain classrooms.	<i>02/02/26 - To House House Public Education</i>	House Reference 1 - Education House Reference 2 - Judiciary House Reference 3 - Public Education	The purpose of this bill is to provide liability protections for actions against a county board of education, public charter school, or against an employee using a clear and convincing evidence standard. (\$250,000.00)
HB 5054	Relating to requiring the counties participating in the QMHP Pilot Program to have at least one qualified mental health professional in each public school in that county.	<i>02/02/26 - To House House Education</i>	House Reference 1 - Education House Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to require the counties participating in the QMHP Pilot Program to have at least one qualified mental health professional ("QMHP") in each public school in that county. The bill establishes the pilot program. Finally, the bill classifies school counselors as QMHPs.
HB 5057	To create the Rural Mobile Health and Mental Health Access Act.	<i>02/02/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources</i>	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance	establishing the program; permitting the Department of Health to award grants; setting out eligible services and expenditures; creating grant preferences; and creating a new fund.
HB 5077	Related to Mental Health Protection Act	<i>02/03/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources</i>	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance	relating to creating the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Insurance Coverage Protection Act; requiring certain insurance policies to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorders; defining terms; mandating generally accepted standards be followed when making medical necessity determinations; and

			prohibiting discretionary clauses.
<u>HB 5093</u>	Permitting certain felons to work in licensed behavioral health facilities	02/03/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to permit certain felons to work in licensed behavioral health facilities. The bill sets conditions and limitations. The bill requires rulemaking.
<u>HB 5096</u>	Relating to removing services from requiring a certificate of need	02/05/26 - To House Markup Discussion House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to remove personal care services and Intellectual development disabilities services from certificate of need.
<u>HB 5097</u>	Require hospitals with no ASL interpreter on staff provide technology for hearing or speech impaired patients to communicate	02/03/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources	The purpose of this bill is to require facilities to provide patients and family members or caregivers of deaf and hard of hearing patients with effective means of communication assistance.
<u>HB 5102</u>	Relating to coverage for the treatment of stuttering	02/09/26 - To House House Banking and Insurance House Reference 1 - Finance House Reference 2 - Banking and Insurance	The purpose of this bill is to require rehabilitative speech therapy as a treatment for stuttering insurance coverage.
<u>HB 5105</u>	Relating to financial exploitation of a person in recovery	02/03/26 - To House House Judiciary House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the financial exploitation of a person in recovery.
<u>HB 5122</u>	Creating the Affordable Medicaid Buy-in Program	02/03/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to create the "Insurance Medicaid" Buy-In Program. The bill requires the Department of Human Services to develop and administer the Insurance" Medicaid" Buy-In Plan. The bill creates the Health Care Affordability and Access Improvement Fund. The bill establishes an advisory council to the Insurance\ Medicaid "Buy-In Program. The bill requires a study and reposts be made. The bill defines terms. The bill sets limitations of employers. The bill requires rule-making.

HB 5140	Employer discriminatory practices	02/03/26 - To House House Judiciary	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to include certain employers with two or more employees subject to actions for discriminatory practices before the human rights commission; to include individual independent contractors in the definition of "employee"; and to increase the time period in which to bring an action before the human rights commission to three years after the alleged act of discrimination.
HB 5161	To create the West Virginia Rural Mobility and Transportation Access Act.	02/04/26 - To House House Energy and Public Works	House Reference 1 - Energy and Public Works	The purpose of this bill is to create the West Virginia Rural Mobility and Transportation Access Act to expand access to transportation in rural areas of West Virginia by maximizing federal funding, encouraging private, nonprofit, and local participation, supporting innovative transportation models, and coordinating existing resources, without the State owning or operating transportation systems.
HB 5198	Relating to crimes against the intellectually disabled	02/04/26 - To House House Judiciary	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to enhance the penalty for crimes committed against persons with a mental disability.
HB 5213	Relating to involuntary commitment process pilot program.	02/05/26 - To House House Judiciary	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to add counties to the involuntary commitment process pilot program.
HB 5247	Establishing a pilot program to develop school-based mental and behavioral health services	02/05/26 - To House House Education	House Reference 1 - Education House Reference 2 - Finance	The purpose of this bill is to require the State Department of Education to develop a pilot program to provide mental and behavioral health services as an alternative to suspending students for disruptive behaviors.
HB 5256	Relating to wages of persons with disabilities	02/05/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to provide for fair pay and maximized employment of disabled persons; create a state "Employment First" policy that encourages agencies to facilitate employment of disabled persons; establish a task force to initiate these policies; provide for the Bureau for Behavioral Health, Division of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Education, Bureau for Medical Services (State Medicaid Agency), and Workforce WV to implement the policy; and remove current exemption for paying minimum wages to persons in nonprofit workshops.

HB 5327	West Virginia ALS Care Services Act	02/09/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources	House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources	requiring Department of Human Services to provide care services coordination and support; provide access to assistive technology, medical equipment, and ramp loan programs; and facilitate access to multidisciplinary ALS clinics; and establishing an effective date.
HB 5407	The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the participation of mental health providers in juvenile abuse and neglect cases.	02/10/26 - To House House Judiciary	House Reference 1 - Judiciary	The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the participation of medical, dental, and mental health providers in juvenile abuse and neglect cases.