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| Bill | Title | SA(Same As)/ SI(Similar To) | Last Action | Committee Reference | Notes |
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| <u>SB 54</u> | Establishing criminal penalties for abuse or neglect of incapacitated adults | | 02/24/26 - To House Ordered to House | 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rule to comply with certain concussion-related code section; allowing recommendation for code section to be amended or repealed; requiring rule to specify individuals who are to receive concussion-related education; and requiring a school to adopt a Concussion Education, Prevention, and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. |

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| <u>SB 250</u> | Budget Bill | | 02/24/26 - To House Amendments pending 3rd Reading, Special Calendar | Senate Reference 1 - Finance | |
| <u>SB 385</u> | Division of Rehabilitation Services rule relating to Ron Yost Personal Assistance Services Act Board | <u>SL HB4334</u> | 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. |
| <u>SB 399</u> | Creating Bring Them Home Fund | <u>SL HB4021</u> | 02/24/26 - To Senate Finance | Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance Senate Reference 3 - Judiciary | 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>SB 439</u> | Creating Residential Treatment Capacity Expansion Fund | <u>SL HB4388</u> | 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 |
| <u>SB 446</u> | 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. |
| <u>SB 465</u> | Creating Caregiver Tax Credit Act | <u>SL HB4809</u> <u>SL SB766</u> | 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. |
| <u>SB 493</u> | Relating to open captioning for motion pictures | | 02/25/26 - To Senate On 3rd reading 3rd Reading | Senate Reference 1 - Government Organization Senate Reference 2 - Judiciary Senate Reference 3 - Rules | 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. |

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| <u>SB 537</u> | 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. |
| <u>SB 545</u> | Creating special revenue account to expand in-state residential treatment capacity for children | <u>SL 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. |
| <u>SB 604</u> | Extending Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date | <u>SL HB4474</u> | 02/12/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources | House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 1 - Government Organization | The purpose of this bill is to extend the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date. |
| <u>SB 649</u> | Requiring coverage of home blood pressure monitoring devices for certain Medicaid recipients | | 02/11/26 - To Senate Finance | 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 |
| <u>SB 650</u> | Designating psychiatric hospital that treats exclusively civil and forensic patients | <u>SL HB4981</u> | 02/13/26 - To Senate Finance | 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. |
| <u>SB 766</u> | Creating Caregiver Tax Credit Act | <u>SL SB465</u> | 02/13/26 - To Senate Finance | 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. |

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| <u>SB</u> <u>777</u> | Creating Outdoor West Virginians with Disabilities Act | | 02/05/26 - To Senate Natural Resources | <p>Senate Reference 1 - Natural Resources</p> <p>Senate Reference 2 - Finance</p> | 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</u> <u>778</u> | Relating to eligibility for homebound services for exceptional children | | 02/19/26 - To House House Education | <p>House Reference 1 - Education</p> <p>Senate Reference 1 - Education</p> | 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</u> <u>869</u> | Creating WV Housing Stability Fund | | 02/09/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources | <p>Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources</p> <p>Senate Reference 2 - Finance</p> | 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</u> <u>884</u> | Requiring coverage of treatment for certain pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders in certain circumstances | | 02/09/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources | <p>Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources</p> <p>Senate Reference 2 - Finance</p> | 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>SB</u> <u>990</u> | Creating WV ALS Care Services Act | <u>SL</u> <u>HB5327</u> | 02/18/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources | <p>Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources</p> <p>Senate Reference 2 - Finance</p> | West Virginia ALS Care Services Act; listing findings and purpose; requiring Department of Human Services to provide care services coordination and support; providing access to assistive technology, medical equipment, and ramp loan programs; facilitating access to multidisciplinary ALS clinics; and establishing an effective date. |
| <u>SB</u> <u>994</u> | Relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain mental health procedures | | 02/19/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources | <p>Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources</p> <p>Senate Reference 2 -</p> | |

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| <u>SB</u> <u>998</u> | Recruiting mental health professionals focusing on children and adolescents | | 02/19/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources | Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance |
| <u>SB</u> <u>1003</u> | Creating regional pediatric mental health hubs | | 02/24/26 - To Senate Finance | Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources Senate Reference 2 - Finance |
| <u>HB</u> <u>4021</u> | Bring them Home Fund. | <u>SL</u> <u>SB399</u> | 01/23/26 - To House House Finance | House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House 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. |
| <u>HB</u> <u>4036</u> | Relating to stricter enforcement for parking in a handicapped designated spot | | 02/03/26 - To Senate Transportation and Infrastructure | House Reference 1 - Judiciary House Reference 2 - Courts 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</u> <u>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</u> | To require cameras in every classroom and | <u>SL</u> | 01/19/26 - To House House | House Reference 1 - Education House Reference 2 - Finance The purpose of this bill is to require that all schools maintain cameras in areas |

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| <u>HB 4166</u> | Room where children are present | <u>HB 4449</u> | Public Education | House Reference 3 - Public Education | where students are present in schools. |
| <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 | | 02/11/26 - To House House Government Organization | 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 | | 02/23/26 - To House Governor 2/23/2026 | 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 4248</u> | Relating to authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to mental health parity. | <u>SI SB295</u> | 01/14/26 - To House House Finance | House Reference 1 - Finance | |
| <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 | <u>SI SB385</u> | 01/14/26 - To House House Energy and Public Works | House Reference 1 - Energy and Public Works | |

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| <u>HB 4348</u> | Relating to health insurance for living organ donors | | 01/29/26 - To House House Banking and Insurance | 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 | | 01/15/26 - To House House Judiciary | 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>SL SB439</u> | 01/15/26 - To House House Finance | 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>SL HB4122</u> | 01/19/26 - To House House Public Education | 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 4466</u> | Extend the public intoxication of alcohol code to include being under the impairment of narcotics in public | | 02/12/26 - To Senate Judiciary | House Reference 1 - Judiciary House Reference 2 - Courts Senate Reference 1 - Judiciary | The purpose of this bill is to make it a misdemeanor to being under the impairment of narcotics in public; and providing for criminal penalties and education upon conviction thereof. |
| <u>HB 4495</u> | To allow municipalities to regulate sober living housing in the cities | | 01/19/26 - 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 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. |

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| <u>HB 4502</u> | Create license plate for autism awareness | | 01/19/26 - To House Energy and Public Works | 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 | | 01/20/26 - To House Health and Human Resources | 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. |
| <u>HB 4564</u> | Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption | <u>SL HB4597</u> <u>SI SB7</u> | 01/20/26 - To 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. |
| <u>HB 4609</u> | Allowing Magistrates under certain circumstances to be able to order a mental evaluation | | 01/20/26 - To House Judiciary | House Reference 1 - Judiciary | relating to bail; and allowing magistrates under certain circumstances to order mental evaluations. |
| <u>HB 4740</u> | Statutory Commitments in Rural Health Transformation Program | <u>SL SB571</u> | 02/23/26 - To House Governor 2/23/2026 | 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. |
| <u>HB 4766</u> | Change the Homestead Exemption | | 01/23/26 - To 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. |
| <u>HB 4770</u> | 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 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. |
| <u>HB 4807</u> | Relating generally to the creation of mental hygiene regions by the Supreme Court of Appeals | | 01/26/26 - To 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. |

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| <u>HB 4821</u> | 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. | |
| <u>HB 4840</u> | Exempt federally qualified health centers from having to obtain a prior authorization for behavioral health services | 01/27/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources | 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. | |
| <u>HB 4995</u> | Require the use of video cameras in certain special education classrooms | 02/23/26 - To House House Judiciary | 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. | |
| <u>HB 5003</u> | Relating to the process for involuntary hospitalization | <u>SL SB742</u> | 01/30/26 - To House House Judiciary | 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. |
| <u>HB 5005</u> | Providing liability protection for video cameras in certain classrooms. | 02/02/26 - To House House Public Education | 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) | |
| <u>HB 5054</u> | 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. | 02/02/26 - To House House Education | 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. | |
| <u>HB 5057</u> | To create the Rural Mobile Health and Mental Health Access Act. | 02/02/26 - To House House Health and Human Resources | 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. | |

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| <u>HB 5077</u> | Related to Mental Health Protection Act | 02/03/26 - To House Health and Human Resources | 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 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 | 02/17/26 - To Senate Health and Human Resources | House Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources House Reference 2 - Finance Senate Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources | 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 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 Banking and Insurance | House Reference 1 - Finance House Reference 2 - Banking and Insurance | The purpose of this bill is to require habilitative speech therapy as a treatment for stuttering insurance coverage. |
| <u>HB 5105</u> | Relating to financial exploitation of a person in recovery | 02/24/26 - To Senate Judiciary | House Reference 1 - Judiciary House Reference 2 - Courts Senate Reference 1 - | The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the financial exploitation of a person in recovery. |

Judiciary

[HB 5122](#)

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 reports 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

02/24/26 - To Senate Judiciary

House Reference 1 - Judiciary
House Reference 2 - Courts
Senate 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.

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| <u>HB 5247</u> | 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. |
| <u>HB 5256</u> | 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. |
| <u>HB 5327</u> | 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. |
| <u>HB 5407</u> | 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. |
| <u>HB 5449</u> | Repealing the Addiction Treatment Pilot Program | 02/24/26 - To House Postponed on 2nd reading, Special Calendar, until 2/25/2026 2nd Reading, Special Calendar | House Reference 1 - Judiciary House Reference 2 - Homeland Security | |
| <u>HB 5491</u> | Relating to open captioning for motion pictures | 02/13/26 - To House House Government Organization | House Reference 1 - Government Organization | The purpose of this bill is to require exhibitors of motion pictures who operate two or more theatres 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. The bill requires, when requested, audio description to be provided for any motion picture that |

is produced and offered with audio description.

[HB 5547](#)

To Protect Newborn Genetic Privacy Rights

02/16/26 - To House Health and Human Resources

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Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources

House Reference 2 - Judiciary

The purpose of this bill is to require the express consent of a parent or guardian to conduct a genetic screening of a newborn infant, to retain blood samples from the infant, and to retain and share results of the genetic screening of the infant.

[HB 5610](#)

Authorizing Monitoring Devices in Long-term Care Facilities

02/16/26 - To House Health and Human Resources

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Reference 1 - Health and Human Resources

House Reference 2 - Judiciary

The purpose of this bill is to authorize family members to install monitors at long-term care facilities to check on elderly or disabled family members who in many cases cannot speak for themselves; establishes requirements to assure privacy of other residents; establishes conditions for use of the monitors; and establishes misdemeanor penalties for interfering with the monitoring.