WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1979

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HOUSE BILL No. 1541

(BY Mr. _________________________________)

Passed ________________________________ 1979

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H. B. 1541

(By Mrs. Wehrle)

[Passed March 10, 1979; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight-a, article twenty-six, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to granting college or university security officers authority to preserve law and order and assist local peace officers in traffic control on certain streets and roads adjacent to or passing through premises under the jurisdiction of the board of regents.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section eight-a, article twenty-six, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF REGENTS.

§18-26-8a. Security officers; appointment; qualifications; authority; compensation and removal.

1 The West Virginia board of regents is hereby authorized to appoint bona fide residents of this state to act as security officers upon any premises owned or leased by the state of West Virginia and under the jurisdiction of the board of regents, subject to the conditions and restrictions hereinafter imposed. Before entering upon the performance of his duties as such security officer in any county, each person so appointed shall qualify therefor in the same manner as is required of county officers by the taking and filing an oath of office as required by article one, chapter
six of this code and by posting an official bond as required
by article two, chapter six of this code. No such person
shall have authority to carry a gun or any other dangerous
weapon until he shall have obtained a license therefor in the
manner prescribed by section two, article seven, chapter
sixty-one of this code.

It shall be the duty of any person so appointed and
qualified, to preserve law and order on any premises under
the jurisdiction of the board of regents and on any other
street, road or thoroughfare, except controlled access and
open county highways, adjacent to or passing through such
premises, to which he may be assigned by the president of
the college or university. For this purpose he shall as to
offenses committed within any area so assigned have and
may exercise all the powers and authority and shall be subject
to all the responsibilities of a deputy sheriff of the county.
The assignment of security officers to the duties authorized
by this section shall not be deemed to supersede in any way
the authority or duty of other peace officers to preserve law
and order on such premises. In addition, the security officers
appointed under provisions of this section shall have authority
to assist local peace officers on public highways in the control
of traffic in and around premises owned by the state of West
Virginia whenever such traffic is generated as a result of
athletic or other activities conducted or sponsored by a state
college or university and when such assistance has been re-
quested by the local peace officers.

The salary of all such security officers shall be paid by the
board of regents. Each institution may furnish each such secur-
ity officer with an official uniform to be worn while on duty and
shall furnish and require each such officer while on duty to
wear a shield with an appropriate inscription and to carry cre-
dentials certifying to his identity and to his authority as a
security officer.

The board of regents may at its pleasure revoke the authority
of any such officer and the president of the college or univer-
sity shall report the termination of employment of any such
security officer by filing a notice to that effect in the office of
the clerk of each county in which his oath of office was filed, and in the case of officers licensed to carry a gun or other dangerous weapon by notifying the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the license therefor was granted.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within _______ this the ______ day of ________, 1979.

Governor