WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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SENATE BILL NO. 1

(By Senator Franklin, Mr. President, and)

PASSED July 14, 1998
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Senate Bill No. 1

(By Senators Tomblin, Mr. President, and Buckalew)

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AN ACT to amend chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-d, relating to security at the capitol complex; creating within the department of military affairs and public safety the state facilities protection division; authorizing appointment of director and providing qualifications; providing for duties of the division; authorizing legislative rules; and clarifying that current authority for supreme court and legislative security at the capitol complex is not terminated.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter fifteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-d, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2D. STATE FACILITIES PROTECTION DIVISION.
§15-2D-1. Policy.

The Legislature finds and declares that citizens, state employees and visitors who park, attend functions or work at the capitol complex should be safe and secure. The Legislature further finds that it is in the public interest to provide for the safety and security of individuals who visit and work at the capitol complex and that this can best be accomplished through a single division within the department of military affairs and public safety.

§15-2D-2. Division created.

There is hereby created the state facilities protection division within the department of military affairs and public safety. The governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a qualified director who has been a law-enforcement officer for at least ten years, has successfully completed supervisory and management training, has held a supervisory position in law enforcement for at least three years and has completed the professional training required for police officers at the West Virginia state police academy or equivalent professional law-enforcement training at another state, federal or United States military institution. The director is responsible for the control and supervision of each of the division's offices. The director may appoint deputy directors and assign them duties as may be necessary for the efficient management and operation of the division.

§15-2D-3. Duties of division.

The state facilities protection division has the duty to:

1. Gather information from a broad base of employees and visitors as to their security needs and develop a comprehensive plan to maintain and improve security at the capitol complex;

2. Establish qualifications and training requirements for persons providing security at the capitol
complex, including law-enforcement officers, who
shall have powers of arrest, all powers and authority
of law-enforcement officials set forth in section
three, article fourteen, chapter eight of this code and
the duty to enforce all applicable provisions of this
code within the capitol complex;

(3) Employ personnel or contract for services;

(4) Purchase necessary equipment to maintain
security at the capitol complex; and

(5) Establish, through rules proposed for legisla-
tive approval in accordance with the provisions of
article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code,
which rules shall, at minimum, establish qualifica-
tion, training and certification procedures for securi-
ty personnel, and guidelines and protocols necessary
to carry out the intent of this article.

§15-2D-4. Effect of article.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to
the West Virginia Senate, the West Virginia House of
Delegates, the West Virginia Legislature or the West
Virginia supreme court of appeals, or to any part of
the capitol complex under the supervision or control
of the West Virginia Senate, the West Virginia House
of Delegates, the West Virginia Legislature or the West
Virginia supreme court of appeals, unless agreed to
by the president of the West Virginia Senate, the
speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, or
jointly by the president of the West Virginia Senate
and speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates,
or by order of the West Virginia supreme court of
appeals, and then only to the extent that the
president of the West Virginia Senate, the speaker of
the West Virginia House of Delegates or the West
Virginia supreme court of appeals agrees to such
application, and then only to that part of the capitol
complex under the supervision or control of the
respective houses of the Legislature, individually or
jointly, or of the court.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

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Governor