## **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**REGULAR SESSION, 1998** 

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SENATE BILL NO.	536
(By Senator <u>Bowu</u>	AN, ET AL

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## Senate Bill No. 536

(By Senators Bowman, Bailey, Ball, Jackson, Kessler, Plymale, Schoonover, Boley and Minear)

[Passed March 2, 1998; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article twenty-one, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuing public defender services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, article twenty-one, chapter twenty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirtyone, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21. PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES.

§29-21-3. Establishment of public defender services, termination date.

- 1 There is hereby created an executive agency known as
- 2 public defender services. The agency shall administer,
- 3 coordinate and evaluate programs by which the state
- 4 provides legal representation to indigent persons, monitor
- 5 the progress of various delivery systems, and recommend
- 6 improvements. The agency shall maintain its office at the
- 7 state capital.
- 8 Pursuant to the provisions of article ten, chapter four of
- 9 this code, public defender services shall continue to exist
- 10 until the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
- 11 ninety-nine.

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GOVERNOR

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