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Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 697

(By Senator Wooten, et al.)

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

Senate Bill No. 697

(SENATORS WOOTON, PREZIOSO AND CRAIGO, original sponsors)

[Passed March 9, 2002; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article seven, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirty-three, relating to payment by the department of health and human resources for services to a health care professional associated with certain judicial proceedings; requiring the department to develop a fee schedule; and establishing health care professional documentation requirements relating thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

§49-7-33. Payment of services.

1 At any time during any proceedings brought pursuant to articles five and six of this chapter, the court may upon its own motion, or upon a motion of any party, order the West Virginia department of health and human resources to pay for professional services rendered by a psychologist, psychiatrist, physician, therapist or other health care professional to a child or other party to the proceedings. Professional services include, but are not limited to, treatment, therapy, counseling, evaluation, report preparation, consultation and preparation of expert testimony. The West Virginia department of health and human resources shall set the fee schedule for such services in accordance with the Medicaid rate, if any, or the customary rate and adjust the schedule as appropriate. Every such psychologist, psychiatrist, physician, therapist or other health care professional shall be paid by the West Virginia department of health and human resources upon completion of services and submission of a final report or other information and documentation as required by the policies and procedures implemented by the West Virginia department of health and human resources.
The 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 ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within bill approved this the 3rd April, 2002.

Governor