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AN ACT to amend and reenact §31-20-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring classified service designation for certain Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority employees; providing that certain employees retain their current exempt status; and authorizing employment of new employees who have successfully completed certain required examinations.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §31-20-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 20. WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AND
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
AUTHORITY.**

**§31-20-27. Employees of Regional Jail Authority; priority of
hiring; civil service coverage.**

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the
2 contrary, the authority, when hiring employees to complete
3 the approved staffing plan of a regional jail shall do so at a
4 salary and with benefits consistent with the approved plan of
5 compensation of the Division of Personnel, created under
6 section five, article six, chapter twenty-nine of this code. All
7 persons employed under this subsection shall be placed in the
8 civil service system as covered employees. On and after the
9 first day of January, two thousand eight, the executive
10 director, of the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility
11 Authority; all employees within the office of the executive
12 director and all regional jail administrators are exempt from
13 coverage under the classified service.

14 (b) Persons employed under the provisions of this
15 subsection shall be employed at a salary and with benefits
16 consistent with the approved plan of compensation of the
17 Division of Personnel, created under section five, article six,
18 chapter twenty-nine of this code. All persons employed
19 under this subsection shall also be covered by the policies
20 and procedures of the West Virginia Public Employees
21 Grievance Board created under section one, article three,
22 chapter six-c of this code.

23 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section ten, article
24 six, chapter twenty-nine of this code, and any rule
25 promulgated thereunder, on and after the first day of July,
26 two thousand seven, any person applying for employment
27 with the Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority
28 shall be hired based on passage of the correctional officer
29 examination without regard to his or her position on the
30 correctional officer register and shall be placed in the civil
31 service system as covered employees: *Provided*, That no such
32 person shall be hired before an otherwise qualified person on
33 a preference register.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.




Chairman Senate Committee



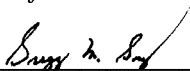
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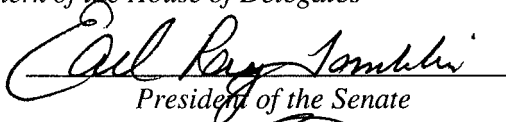
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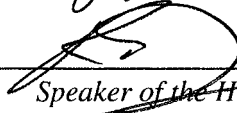
Clerk of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Delegates



President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 23rd
day of March, 2007.



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