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AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-5-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to criminal enforcement for willful failure to pay child support.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §61-5-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE.

- §61-5-29. Failure to meet an obligation to pay support to a minor; penalties.
 - 1 (1) A person who: (a) Repeatedly and willfully fails to
 - 2 pay his or her court-ordered support which he or she can
 - 3 reasonably provide and which he or she knows he or she
 - 4 has a duty to provide to a minor; and (b) is subject to court
 - 5 order to pay any amount for the support of a minor child

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- 6 and is delinquent in meeting the full obligation established
- 7 by the order and has been delinquent for a period of at
- 8 least six months' duration is guilty of a misdemeanor and,
- 9 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100
- 10 nor more than \$1,000, or confined in jail for not more than
- 11 one year, or both fined and confined.
- 12 (2) A person who repeatedly and willfully fails to pay
- 13 his or her court-ordered support which he or she can
- 14 reasonably provide and which he or she knows he or she
- 15 has a duty to provide to a minor by virtue of a court or
- 16 administrative order and the failure results in twelve
- 17 months without payment of support that remains unpaid
- 18 is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
- 19 fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000, or impris-
- 20 oned for not less than one year nor more than three years,
- 21 or both fined and imprisoned.

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