

SUPPORT Response to SB 436
Requiring the development and implementation of statewide prevention plan.
January 17, 2026

Senate Health and Human Resources Committee:

[West Virginians for Rational Sexual Offence Laws \(WVRSOL\)](#) is a West Virginia non-profit association and an affiliate of the [National Association for Rational Sexual Offence Laws \(NARSOL\)](#), which advocates for society's segment that is adversely affected by the sex offender registry. We help families impacted by the registry, seek ways to maintain and improve public safety, recommend prudent use of state funding in this area, and work to ensure that proposed legislation is constitutional.

WVRSOL **SUPPORTS SB 436** because it requires the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee to develop and implement a statewide prevention plan to provide services to at-risk children and their families. Primarily services, education, and programs that are trauma-informed and meet empirical evidence-based criteria. Services, education, and treatment programs grounded in empirical evidence rather than emotion support WVRSOL's mission to improve public safety and focus on the prudent use of state funding in education, treatment, and PREVENTION, rather than continuing to spend money on expanding a non-functional, proven ineffective registry law.

[Similar to HB-4393](#)

WVRSOL supports legislation that reduces abuse and sexual offenses, helps children and families, and improves public safety. SB 436 supports these ideals and goals. Therefore, we **SUPPORT** and respectfully urge the Senate, its members, and the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee to **vote yes on SB 436**.

Sincerely,

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