



Jim Justice
Governor of West Virginia

March 30, 2022

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
State Capitol Complex
Building 1, Suite 157-K
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled House Bill 2300

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled House Bill 2300. I completely support the concept embodied by this legislation, to include Family Court Judges in the Judges' Retirement System; however, the bill materially conflicts with an important piece of legislation that is required to update the various retirement systems throughout the State to ensure those systems comply with federal law.

Because this bill would undermine the vital updates to all retirement systems in our state provided for in Enrolled House Bill 4540, I unfortunately must disapprove and return Enrolled House Bill 2300. I look forward to working with Legislative leadership to reintroduce this legislation with the inclusion of those necessary changes made by Enrolled House Bill 4540. I fully support providing Family Court Judges with the opportunity to participate in the Judges' Retirement System and believe that we can work swiftly to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jim Justice".

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Honorable Craig Blair
President of the Senate
The Honorable Roger Hanshaw
Speaker of the House of Delegates