

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §18B-3C-11

§18B-3C-11. Shared facilities and resources; memoranda of agreements; and joint administrative boards.

(a) To the maximum extent feasible, community and technical colleges shall be developed as multisite institutions utilizing existing facilities, including cooperative use of existing vocational education institutes and centers, offering services on the campuses of existing baccalaureate and graduate institutions, at work sites in collaboration with employers and other appropriate venues. Subject to the limitation of subdivision (13), subsection (a), section four, article one-b of this chapter, new public capital investment in physical facilities shall be kept to a minimum. All community and technical colleges shall have missions encompassing the full range of services and programs.

(b) The governing boards may accept federal grants and funds from county boards of education, other local governmental bodies, corporations or persons. The governing boards may enter into memoranda of understanding agreements with such governmental bodies, corporations or persons for the use or acceptance of local facilities and for the acceptance of grants or contributions toward the cost of the acquisition or construction of such facilities. Such local governmental bodies may convey capital improvements, or lease the same without monetary consideration, to the governing boards for the use by the community and technical college and the governing boards may accept such facilities, or the use or lease thereof, and grants or contributions for such purposes from such governmental bodies, the federal government or any corporation or person. In addition, the various education agencies shall establish cooperative relationships to utilize existing community and technical colleges and programs, public school vocational centers and other existing facilities to serve the identified needs within the community and technical college district.

(c) To facilitate the administration, operation and financing of programs in shared facilities of any institution of public higher education and a county board or boards of education, the affected president and county board or boards of education may appoint a joint administrative board consisting of such membership and possessing such delegated authorities as the respective boards consider necessary and prudent for the operation of such shared facilities. Such joint administrative boards, as an example, may consist of five members appointed as follows: The county board of education appoints two members; the president appoints two members; and one at-large member, who shall chair the joint administrative board, is appointed by mutual agreement of the board and the president. When two or more county boards of education are participating in such shared program, such county board appointments would be made by mutual agreement of each of the participating county boards. Members would serve for staggered terms of three years. With respect to initial appointments, one member appointed by the county board or boards of education and one member appointed by the governing board would serve for one year, one member appointed by the county board or boards of education and one member appointed

by the governing board would serve for two years and the at-large member would serve for three years. Subsequent appointments should be for three years. A member would not serve more than two consecutive terms. Members would be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties as board members from funds allocated to the shared facility, except that members who are employed by a Board of Education, governing board or state institution of higher education would be reimbursed by their employer.