WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §25-7-1

§25-7-1. Legislative findings.

The Legislature finds that the means now provided for the use of inmate labor are inadequate to furnish a sufficient number of inmates with employment. It is the intent of this article:

(a) To provide more adequate, regular and suitable employment for the inmates and confined juvenile or youthful offenders of this state;

(b) To use the labor of inmates and confined juvenile or youthful offenders for self-maintenance and to reimburse this state for expenses incurred by reason of their crimes and confinement;

(c) To provide for the requisition and distribution of correctional industries articles and products directly through established state authorities, with no possibility of private profit except for those specific articles and products manufactured and sold pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1761(c), the Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) Certification Program, and pursuant to sections thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of this article; and

(d) To provide for correctional industries to be profitable in view of the fact that it is a self-sufficient authority.

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