WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §4-3-3C

§4-3-3c. Reorganization of joint legislative agencies.

(a) The Joint Committee on Government and Finance has the authority over and direction of joint legislative agencies, personnel, and services, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The Commission on Special Investigations provided for in §4-5-1 *et seq*. of this code;

(2) The West Virginia Legislative Claims Commission provided for in §14-2-1 *et seq*. and crime victims compensation provided for in §14-2A-1 *et seq*. of this code;

(3) The Legislative Auditor provided for in §4-2-1 *et seq*. of this code;

(4) The Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee provided for in §29A-3-1 *et seq*. of this code;

(5) The Legislative Reference Library provided for in §4-3-3 of this code;

(6) The Legislative Automated Systems Division;

(7) Legislative Services;

(8) Public information; and

(9) Joint services provided by one or more of the joint agencies set forth in this subsection. The following joint services are included:

(A) Bill drafting;

(B) Budget analysis;

(C) Duplicating;

(D) Financial, payroll, personnel, and purchasing for joint agencies and personnel;

(E) Fiscal analysis;

(F) Post audits, full performance evaluations, and preliminary performance reviews;

(G) Research; and

(H) Joint services to other joint legislative committees created and authorized by this code, to joint standing committees of the Senate and House of Delegates, to standing committees of the Senate and House of Delegates and to legislative interim committees.

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(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Joint Committee on Government and Finance has the authority to reorganize and restructure the joint legislative agencies, personnel, and services as provided in subsection (a) of this section for the purposes of improving their efficiency and the service they provide to the Legislature and to improve the management thereof by the joint committee. To accomplish these purposes, the joint committee may employ and terminate personnel; create divisions as it determines necessary; and transfer and assign the joint agencies, personnel, and services to the divisions. The divisions, joint agencies, personnel, and services shall operate under the direction and policies of the joint committee: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the joint committee to alter or redefine the powers, duties, and responsibilities vested in the Commission on Special Investigations pursuant to §4-5-1 *et seq*. of this code.

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