

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1974

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SENATE BILL NO. 483

(By Mr. Neeland & Mrs. Davis)

PASSED March 9 1974

In Effect sixty days from Passage



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SECRETARY OF STATE
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(By MR. MORELAND and MR. DAVIS)

[Passed March 9, 1974; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section nine-a, article eleven, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the coal research bureau; investigations and research concerning uses of coal; mine safety and development of the mineral industry.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section nine-a, article eleven, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 11. WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

§18-11-9a. Coal research bureau; advisory committee on coal research.

1 The coal research bureau, heretofore established in the
2 school of mines at West Virginia University, shall be con-
3 tinued. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be
4 prescribed by the board of regents, it shall conduct in-
5 vestigations and research into the development of new,
6 safer and more economical ways to mine coal, consider
7 environmental problems created through the use of coal,
8 develop new uses and markets for the use of coal, other
9 energy fuels and allied minerals, develop new methods of
10 combustion of coal and new uses in the chemical industry,
11 develop greater efficiency and conservation in the mining
12 and mineral industries, make such tests and investigations

13 as may be required by the department of mines in the
14 prosecution of its work. It shall conduct such experiments
15 and tests as will promote the development of the mineral
16 industries in the state, and shall cooperate with the de-
17 partment of mines in the investigation of the causes of
18 mine disasters and common mine accidents. It shall also
19 initiate and carry on a program of research designed to
20 discover and develop new uses and new processes for
21 the utilization of West Virginia coal and other mineral
22 resources.

23 The costs of financing the research program shall be
24 paid from any funds appropriated by the Legislature for
25 the purpose, from any grants or gifts received by the
26 bureau, and from any income received for research car-
27 ried on by the bureau under contract with any federal
28 or state agency, or with any private corporation, associa-
29 tion or individual. Within the limits of available funds,
30 research activities may be conducted by the bureau itself,
31 or under contract with some other research group, cor-
32 poration or individual whenever this is deemed advis-
33 able.

34 In order to avoid wasteful duplication, the research
35 program shall be carried on in close cooperation with the
36 federal bureau of mines, the state department of mines,
37 the planning and research division of the state depart-
38 ment of commerce, and with other appropriate agencies,
39 research organizations and establishments. The bureau
40 shall from time to time publish and distribute to interested
41 persons and agencies reports of its activities, findings and
42 recommendations.

43 An "advisory committee on coal research," consisting
44 of not less than four members, shall be appointed by the
45 governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
46 Senate, to serve at his will and pleasure. It shall be the
47 duty of the committee to advise and counsel with the
48 university concerning the program of the coal research
49 bureau, and to make such recommendations to the gov-
50 ernor and the Legislature concerning the support of the
51 program as the committee may deem advisable.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

H. Darrel Darby
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Chester, Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Harold A. Carson
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Sp. R. Brotherton, Jr.
President of the Senate

Lewis N. W. Mearns
Speaker House of Delegates

The within disapproved this the 26th
day of March, 1974.

Arch A. Mearns, Jr.
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/14/74

Time 2:15 p.m.