WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1974

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SENATE BILL NO. 483

(By Mr. Michael D. Marinos)

PASSED March 9, 1974

In Effect ninety days from Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. HEISKELL III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3/19/74
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Senate Bill No. 483
(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 school of mines at West Virginia University, shall be continued. Subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the board of regents, it shall conduct investigations and research into the development of new, safer and more economical ways to mine coal, consider environmental problems created through the use of coal, develop new uses and markets for the use of coal, other energy fuels and allied minerals, develop new methods of combustion of coal and new uses in the chemical industry, develop greater efficiency and conservation in the mining and mineral industries, make such tests and investigations
as may be required by the department of mines in the prosecution of its work. It shall conduct such experiments and tests as will promote the development of the mineral industries in the state, and shall cooperate with the department of mines in the investigation of the causes of mine disasters and common mine accidents. It shall also initiate and carry on a program of research designed to discover and develop new uses and new processes for the utilization of West Virginia coal and other mineral resources.

The costs of financing the research program shall be paid from any funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, from any grants or gifts received by the bureau, and from any income received for research carried on by the bureau under contract with any federal or state agency, or with any private corporation, association or individual. Within the limits of available funds, research activities may be conducted by the bureau itself, or under contract with some other research group, corporation or individual whenever this is deemed advisable.

In order to avoid wasteful duplication, the research program shall be carried on in close cooperation with the federal bureau of mines, the state department of mines, the planning and research division of the state department of commerce, and with other appropriate agencies, research organizations and establishments. The bureau shall from time to time publish and distribute to interested persons and agencies reports of its activities, findings and recommendations.

An "advisory committee on coal research," consisting of not less than four members, shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve at his will and pleasure. It shall be the duty of the committee to advise and counsel with the university concerning the program of the coal research bureau, and to make such recommendations to the governor and the Legislature concerning the support of the program as the committee may deem advisable.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

H. Samuel Daily
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Harry D. Carson
Clerk of the Senate

O. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

J. P. Brotherhood
President of the Senate

Lewis F. Metcalf
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Aubrey C. Thompson
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date  3/14/74
Time  2:15 p.m.