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**ENROLLED**

SENATE BILL NO. 153

(By Mr. Rowland.....)



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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  
2 the school of mines at West Virginia University, shall be  
3 continued. Subject to such rules and regulations as may  
4 be prescribed by the board of regents, it shall conduct  
5 investigations 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 coal, other energy  
9 fuels and allied minerals, develop new methods of com-  
10 bustion of coal and new uses of coal in the chemical indus-  
11 try, develop greater efficiency and conservation in the  
12 mining and mineral industries, and make such tests and  
13 investigations as may be required by the department of

14 mines in the prosecution of its work. It shall conduct  
15 such experiments and tests as will promote the develop-  
16 ment of the mineral industries in the state, and shall co-  
17 operate with the department of mines in the investiga-  
18 tion of the causes of mine disasters and common mine  
19 accidents. It shall also initiate and carry on a program  
20 of research designed to discover and develop new uses  
21 and new processes for the utilization of West Virginia  
22 coal and other mineral 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, associ-  
29 ation 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 other appropriate agencies,  
39 research organizations and establishments. The bureau  
40 shall from time to time publish and distribute to the  
41 governor, the Legislature and to interested persons and  
42 agencies reports of its activities, findings and recom-  
43 mendations.

44 The "advisory committee on coal research," hereto-  
45 fore existing is abolished and a new "advisory committee  
46 on coal research," is hereby created to advise and counsel  
47 with the university concerning the programs of the coal  
48 research bureau and to make recommendations to  
49 the board of regents, the governor and the Legisla-  
50 ture concerning the support of the programs of the coal  
51 research bureau.

52 The advisory committee on coal research shall consist  
53 of nine members. Members shall be specialists or ex-  
54 perts in the various areas of coal production, conversion

55 and utilization. Three members shall be appointed by  
56 the president of the Senate, three members shall be ap-  
57 pointed by the speaker of the House of Delegates and  
58 three members shall be appointed by the governor. Ex-  
59 cept for the original appointments, each official shall  
60 make his appointments for overlapping terms of three  
61 years and until such members' respective successors  
62 have been appointed and qualified. For the purpose of  
63 the original appointments, the president of the Senate,  
64 the speaker of the House of Delegates and the governor  
65 shall appoint one member each for a term of one year  
66 and until his successor has been appointed and qualified;  
67 one member each for a term of two years and until his  
68 successor has been appointed and qualified; and one  
69 member each for a term of three years and until his  
70 successor has been appointed and qualified. Members  
71 may be reappointed for any number of terms. Vacancies  
72 shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term  
73 by the official who appointed such member for the term  
74 vacated.

75 The advisory committee on coal research shall meet  
76 upon call of the dean of the college of mineral and  
77 energy resources of West Virginia University, which col-  
78 lege was previously known and designated as the school  
79 of mines. From its membership, the committee shall  
80 select a chairman and secretary and such other officers  
81 as it shall deem appropriate. After its first meeting, the  
82 committee shall meet at least semiannually upon the call  
83 of the dean or chairman. The committee may add addi-  
84 tional members who have expertise not held by other  
85 members of the committee and who have the potential  
86 of giving guidance to coal production and utilization in  
87 this state.

88 The members shall be entitled to be reimbursed for  
89 all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred  
90 in the performance of their duties as such members.

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

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Robert C. Chisholm  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect from passage.

J. O'Neil, Jr.  
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blackwelder  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Brotherton, Jr.  
President of the Senate

Levin J. Starnes  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 13th  
day of March, 1975.

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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

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