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 coal, other energy fuels and allied minerals, develop new methods of combustion of coal and new uses of coal in the chemical industry, develop greater efficiency and conservation in the mining and mineral industries, and 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 develop­
ment of the mineral industries in the state, and shall co­
operate with the department of mines in the investiga­
tion 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 car­
rried on by the bureau under contract with any federal
or state agency, or with any private corporation, associ­
ation 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, cor­
poration or individual whenever this is deemed advis­
able.

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 depart­
ment of commerce, and other appropriate agencies,
research organizations and establishments. The bureau
shall from time to time publish and distribute to the
governor, the Legislature and to interested persons and
agencies reports of its activities, findings and recom­
mendations.

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

The advisory committee on coal research shall consist
of nine members. Members shall be specialists or ex­
erts in the various areas of coal production, conversion
and utilization. Three members shall be appointed by
the president of the Senate, three members shall be ap-
pointed by the speaker of the House of Delegates and
two members shall be appointed by the governor. Ex-
cept for the original appointments, each official shall
make his appointments for overlapping terms of three
years and until such members' respective successors
have been appointed and qualified. For the purpose of
the original appointments, the president of the Senate,
the speaker of the House of Delegates and the governor
shall appoint one member each for a term of one year
and until his successor has been appointed and qualified;
one member each for a term of two years and until his
successor has been appointed and qualified; and one
member each for a term of three years and until his
successor has been appointed and qualified. Members
may be reappointed for any number of terms. Vacancies
shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term
by the official who appointed such member for the term
vacated.

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

The members shall be entitled to be reimbursed for
all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred
in the performance of their duties as such members.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect from passage.

J. O. Dellom Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. T. Bechtel Jr.
President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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

Andr...
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 3/8/75

Time 4:30 p.m.