WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1977

ENROLLED
Committee Substitute for
SENATE BILL NO. 599

(By Mr. , President of the Senate)

PASSED April 9, 1977
In Effect thirty 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 continuation and operation of a coal and energy research bureau at West Virginia University; investigations and research concerning the mining, transporting and use of coal and developing new uses and markets for coal, other energy fuels and allied minerals; mine safety and development of the mineral industry; creation of a new advisory committee on coal and energy research.

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 and energy research bureau; advisory committee on coal and energy research.

1 The coal research bureau, heretofore established at West Virginia University shall be continued and be designated as the coal and energy research bureau. 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, transport and use coal, consider environmental problems created through the use and production
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, tests, and activities as will promote the
development of the mineral industries in the state, and
shall cooperate with the department of mines in the in-
vestigation of the causes of mine disasters and common
mine accidents. It shall also initiate and carry on a pro-
gram 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
university, and from any income received for research
carried on 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 university itself, or under
contract with some other research group, corporation or
individual.

In order to avoid wasteful duplication, the research pro-
gram shall be carried on in close cooperation with the
federal bureau of mines, the federal energy research and
development agency, the Morgantown energy research
center, the state department of mines, the planning and
research division of the state department of commerce,
and other appropriate agencies, research organizations
and establishments. The university shall from time to
time, but at least annually, publish and distribute to the
governor, the Legislature, and to interested persons and
agencies reports of its activities, findings and recommend-
dations.

The "advisory committee on coal research," heretofore
existing is abolished and a new "advisory committee on
coal and energy research" is hereby created to advise and
counsel with the university concerning the programs of
the coal and energy research bureau and to make recom-

mendations to the board of regents, the governor and the

Legislature concerning the support of the programs of the

coal and energy research bureau.

The advisory committee on coal and energy research
shall consist of at least nine appointed members and the
president of the Senate or his designate, and the speaker
of the House of Delegates or his designate, and the presi-
dent of the university or his designate as ex officio mem-
bers. The chairman of the committee shall be the presi-
dent of the university or his designate. Appointed mem-
bers shall be specialists or experts in the various areas of
energy production, conversion and utilization. Three
members shall be appointed by the president of the
Senate, three members shall be appointed by the speaker
of the House of Delegates, and three members shall be
appointed by the governor. Except for the original ap-
pointments, 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 presi-
dent 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 ap-
pointed 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. To these members may be added special-
ists as deemed desirable and appropriate by a majority
vote of the committee.

The committee shall meet at least semiannually upon
the call of the chairman. The members shall be entitled
to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary ex-

penses 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

Clarence E. Christian, Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

J. W. Dillon Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

P. Brockett
President of the Senate

Donald L. Topp
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 24 day of April, 1977.

John D. Dairy
Governor
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APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

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