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Committee Substitute for
HOUSE BILL No. 863

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lee)

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H. B. 863

(By MR. SPEAKER, MR. SEE)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section six, article twenty-two-b, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to authorizing the board of regents to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states providing financial assistance to their residents attending institutions of higher learning in West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section six, article twenty-two-b, 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 22B. STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

§18-22B-6. Recipients, awards and distribution of awards of scholarships; authority of board of regents to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states concerning scholarships.

- 1 The scholarship recipient shall be free to attend any ap-
- 2 proved institution of higher education in this state. The insti-
- 3 tution is not required to accept the scholarship recipient for

4 enrollment, but is free to exact compliance with its own ad-
5 mission requirements, standards and policies.

6 Scholarship grants shall be made to undergraduate students
7 only.

8 Each scholarship is renewable until the course of study is
9 completed, but not to exceed an additional three academic
10 years beyond the first year of the award. These may not
11 necessarily be consecutive years and the scholarship will be
12 terminated if the student receives his degree in a shorter period
13 of time. Qualifications for renewal will include maintaining
14 satisfactory academic standing, making normal progress to-
15 ward completion of the course of study and continued eligi-
16 bility, as determined by the commission.

17 Scholarship awards shall be made without regard to the
18 applicant's race, creed, color, sex, national origin or ancestry;
19 and in making scholarship awards, the commission shall treat
20 all approved institutions of higher education in a fair and
21 equitable manner. The commission from time to time shall
22 identify areas of professional, vocational and technical exper-
23 tise that are, or will be, of critical need in this state and, to
24 the extent feasible, may direct scholarship grants to students
25 that are pursuing instruction in those areas.

26 The board of regents may enter into reciprocal agreements
27 with state scholarship and grant program agencies in other
28 states which provide financial assistance to their residents at-
29 tending institutions of higher education located in West Vir-
30 ginia. In connection therewith, the board of regents may
31 authorize residents of West Virginia to use financial assistance
32 under this article to attend institutions of higher education in
33 such other states. Residents of West Virginia requesting fi-
34 nancial assistance to attend institutions of higher education
35 located in any such states must meet all of the eligibility stand-
36 ards set forth in section five of this article.

37 Scholarship awards shall be limited to the lesser of the pay-
38 ment of tuition and those related compulsory fees charged by
39 an institution to all West Virginia undergraduate students, or
40 an amount equal to the average state general fund support for

41 each full-time equivalent student in the state four-year colleges
42 for the preceding academic year as calculated by the board of
43 regents.

44 Payments of scholarships shall be made directly to the
45 institution.

46 In the event that a scholarship recipient transfers from one
47 approved institution of higher education to another, his scholar-
48 ship shall be transferable only with the approval of the com-
49 mission.

50 Should the recipient terminate his enrollment for any reason
51 during the academic year, the unused portion of the scholar-
52 ship shall be returned to the commission by the institution ac-
53 cording to the institution's own policy for issuing refunds.

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

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Chustard
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1979.

J. Dillinger
Clerk of the Senate

C. A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. B. Baker Jr.
President of the Senate

Clayton M. Lee, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *in approved* this the *28*
day of *March*, 1979.

John D. Randolph
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