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SENATE BILL NO. 75

(By Mr. Beall, Mr. Poischeck and Mr. Jankovich)

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In Effect from Passage
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Senate Bill No. 75

(By MR. BROTHERTON, MR. PRESIDENT, and MR. TONKOVICH)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article one, chapter four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend article three of said chapter by adding thereto a new section, designated section three-a, all relating to the Legislature; authorizing a select committee unique to one house or any standing or that house to meet during the interim; providing travel and interim expense reimbursement; providing for staff; providing for creation and composition of legislative committees by resolution or on motion of the joint committee on government and finance; providing interim compensation for some interim committees; providing for the coordination of interim meetings by the joint committee on government and finance; requiring the joint committee on government and finance to make studies and surveys and to continue ongoing and continued studies; and allowing the joint committee on government and finance to commission studies by standing committees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article one, chapter four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that article three of said chapter be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section three-a, all to read as follows:
ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS; INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL BUILDING; STANDING COMMITTEES; AND INTERIM MEETINGS.

§4-1-1. Interim meetings of legislative committees and subcommittees; interim meeting coordination; compensation and expenses.

(a) Either house of the Legislature may, by resolution, direct any select committee unique to that house or any standing committee of that house and created by it by rule, motion or resolution to meet between regular sessions of the Legislature. The presiding officer of such house may designate subcommittees of such standing or select committees and shall designate the chairman and membership thereof. Such committees or subcommittees shall function according to the rules for committees of the house creating them.

Members of such committees or subcommittees under this subsection, performing duties as members thereof, shall receive travel expense reimbursement as provided in section eight, article two-a, chapter four and interim expense reimbursement as provided in section eight, article two-a, chapter four. However, to be eligible to receive travel expense reimbursement and interim expense reimbursement, meetings of these select committees and subcommittees thereof must be authorized by the rules committee of such house. Expenses shall be paid from any appropriation to the use and benefit of the house adopting the resolution.

Such committees or subcommittees shall have such staff as may be directed by the presiding officer of that house from which its membership is drawn, which may be paid for from appropriations to the use and benefit of such house, as designated by the rules committee thereof.

(b) From the date of adjournment sine die of any regular session of the Legislature until the first day of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, the Legislature by concurrent resolution, or the joint committee on government and finance on its own motion, may...
appoint a joint standing committee or a joint select committee, or any joint subcommittee of such standing or select committee, to function under the supervision of the joint committee on government and finance. Any such committee or subcommittee shall be composed of the standing or select committees of the respective houses having similar titles or jurisdiction, and similarly constituted, and the membership thereof shall be composed of members of the respective standing or select committees of each house, or subcommittees thereof, or be designated by the presiding officer of each house: Provided, That the membership of such joint committee or subcommittee may be drawn from more than one such standing or select committee.

(c) Members of the Legislature performing interim duties as members of the joint committee on government and finance, the commission on interstate cooperation, the joint committee on government operations, the legislative commission on pensions and retirement, the legislative rule-making review committee, the purchasing practices and procedures commission, standing committees of the Senate and of the House of Delegates, and authorized subcommittees of each of the above committees and commissions are authorized to meet between regular sessions of the Legislature, subject to the direction of the joint committee on government and finance. Members of the Legislature performing interim duties as a member of said committees or commissions, or subcommittees thereof, under this subsection, shall receive interim compensation as provided in section five, article two-a, chapter four; travel expense reimbursement as provided in section six, article two-a, chapter four; and interim expense reimbursement as provided in section eight, article two-a, chapter four. However, to be eligible to receive the interim compensation, travel expense reimbursement and interim expense reimbursement, payment must be authorized by the joint committee on government and finance. The joint committee on government and finance shall coordinate meetings, of said committees and commissions, and subcommittees thereof, between regular sessions of the Legislature.
ARTICLE 3. JOINT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

§4-3-3a. Interim powers and duties.

The joint committee on government and finance shall coordinate meetings between regular sessions of the Legislature of all legislative committees and legislative commissions established by and operating under general law and shall authorize interim meetings of said committees and commissions.

The joint committee on government and finance shall study and survey matters of government, finance and claims against the state as authorized by section three, article three, chapter four. In addition, the joint committee may make studies it was directed to make by concurrent resolutions heretofore adopted by the Legislature and continued for additional study by the joint committee by concurrent resolutions adopted by the Legislature. The joint committee may make these studies by creation of subcommittees.

The joint committee may commission studies to be made jointly by appropriate standing committees of each house of the Legislature between regular sessions of the Legislature.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis  
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence E. Fincher, Jr.  
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Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within _______ is approved _______ this the ______ day of _______ 1979.

John D. Rockefeller Jr.  
Governor