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SENATE BILL NO. 75

(By Mr. Beathen, Mr. President and
Mr. Tonkovich)

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PASSED March 10, 1979

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 of 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.

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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.

1 (a) Either house of the Legislature may, by resolution,
2 direct any select committee unique to that house or any
3 standing committee of that house and created by it by rule,
4 motion or resolution to meet between regular sessions of
5 the Legislature. The presiding officer of such house may
6 designate subcommittees of such standing or select com-
7 mittees and shall designate the chairman and member-
8 ship thereof. Such committees or subcommittees shall
9 function according to the rules for committees of the
10 house creating them.

11 Members of such committees or subcommittees under
12 this subsection, performing duties as members thereof,
13 shall receive travel expense reimbursement as provided
14 in section eight, article two-a, chapter four and interim
15 expense reimbursement as provided in section eight, ar-
16 ticle two-a, chapter four. However, to be eligible to re-
17 ceive travel expense reimbursement and interim expense
18 reimbursement, meetings of these select committees and
19 subcommittees thereof must be authorized by the rules
20 committee of such house. Expenses shall be paid from any
21 appropriation to the use and benefit of the house adopting
22 the resolution.

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

28 (b) From the date of adjournment *sine die* of any regu-
29 lar session of the Legislature until the first day of the
30 next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, the
31 Legislature by concurrent resolution, or the joint com-
32 mittee on government and finance on its own motion, may

33 appoint a joint standing committee or a joint select com-
34 mittee, or any joint subcommittee of such standing or
35 select committee, to function under the supervision of the
36 joint committee on government and finance. Any such
37 committee or subcommittee shall be composed of the
38 standing or select committees of the respective houses
39 having similar titles or jurisdiction, and similarly consti-
40 tuted, and the membership thereof shall be composed of
41 members of the respective standing or select committees
42 of each house, or subcommittees thereof, or be designated
43 by the presiding officer of each house: *Provided*, That the
44 membership of such joint committee or subcommittee
45 may be drawn from more than one such standing or
46 select committee.

47 (c) Members of the Legislature performing interim
48 duties as members of the joint committee on government
49 and finance, the commission on interstate cooperation, the
50 joint committee on government operations, the legislative
51 commission on pensions and retirement, the legislative
52 rule-making review committee, the purchasing practices
53 and procedures commission, standing committees of the
54 Senate and of the House of Delegates, and authorized
55 subcommittees of each of the above committees and com-
56 missions are authorized to meet between regular sessions
57 of the Legislature, subject to the direction of the joint
58 committee on government and finance. Members of the
59 Legislature performing interim duties as a member of
60 said committees or commissions, or subcommittees there-
61 of, under this subsection, shall receive interim compensa-
62 tion as provided in section five, article two-a, chapter
63 four; travel expense reimbursement as provided in sec-
64 tion six, article two-a, chapter four; and interim expense
65 reimbursement as provided in section eight, article two-a,
66 chapter four. However, to be eligible to receive the in-
67 terim compensation, travel expense reimbursement and
68 interim expense reimbursement, payment must be autho-
69 rized by the joint committee on government and finance.
70 The joint committee on government and finance shall
71 coordinate meetings, of said committees and commissions,
72 and subcommittees thereof, between regular sessions of
73 the Legislature.

ARTICLE 3. JOINT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

§4-3-3a. Interim powers and duties.

1 The joint committee on government and finance shall
2 coordinate meetings between regular sessions of the Leg-
3 islature of all legislative committees and legislative com-
4 missions established by and operating under general law
5 and shall authorize interim meetings of said committees
6 and commissions.

7 The joint committee on government and finance shall
8 study and survey matters of government, finance and
9 claims against the state as authorized by section three,
10 article three, chapter four. In addition, the joint com-
11 mittee may make studies it was directed to make by con-
12 current resolutions heretofore adopted by the Legislature
13 and continued for additional study by the joint commit-
14 tee by concurrent resolutions adopted by the Legislature.
15 The joint committee may make these studies by creation
16 of subcommittees.

17 The joint committee may commission studies to be
18 made jointly by appropriate standing committees of each
19 house of the Legislature between regular sessions of the
20 Legislature.

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

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence C. Chastain Jr.
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

J. Dillong Jr.
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. R. B. [Signature]
President of the Senate

Hyde H. See, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 22
day of March, 1979.

[Signature]
Governor



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