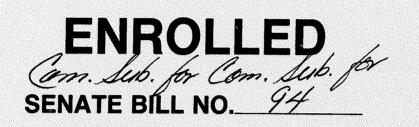
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Senate Bill No. 94

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[Passed March 7, 1992; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section eight, article one, chapter five-e, of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; to amend chapter twelve of said code by adding thereto a new article, designated article seven; to amend and reenact sections six and twenty-a, article eighteen, chapter thirty-one of said code; and to further amend said article by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-c, all relating generally to economic development and the creation of new jobs; reducing the amount of credits authorized under the West Virginia capital company act for three fiscal years; providing for the creation and establishment of the jobs investment trust; purposes and objectives; legislative findings; definitions; jobs investment trust board; composition of board appointments; terms of private members; election of chairman; quorum; management and control of jobs investment trust vested in board; officers; liability; payment of reasonable expenses of West Virginia housing development fund; board powers; limitation on investments; funding; applications for investment priority; providing of information to West Virginia housing development fund; acceptance or rejection of investment package; documentary materials concerning trade secrets; commercial, financial or personal information; confidentiality; reports of board; report of housing development fund; earnings; exemptions and audits: severability: conflicts of interest: credit of state not pledged; eliminating the restriction on the housing development fund's authority to finance nonresidential projects; allowing the housing development fund to form nonprofit corporations with the same board of directors; land development fund; and creation of jobs development fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section eight, article one, chapter five-e of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; that chapter twelve of said code be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article seven; that sections six and twenty-a, article eighteen, chapter thirty-one of said code be amended and reenacted; and that said article be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section twenty-c, all to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5E. VENTURE CAPITAL COMPANY.

ARTICLE 1. WEST VIRGINIA CAPITAL COMPANY ACT.

§5E-1-8. Tax credits.

1 (a) The total amount of tax credits authorized for a 2 single qualified company may not exceed two million 3 dollars. Capitalization of the company may be 4 increased pursuant to rule of the authority.

5 (b) The total credits authorized by the authority for 6 all companies may not exceed a total of ten million 7 dollars each fiscal year: *Provided*, That for the fiscal

year beginning the first day of July, one thousand 8 9 nine hundred ninety-two, the fiscal year beginning on 10 the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 11 ninety-three and the fiscal year beginning on the first 12 day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-four, 13 the total credits authorized by the authority for all 14 companies under this section or this article may not 15 exceed a total of eight million dollars each fiscal year. 16 The authority shall allocate these credits to qualified 17 companies in the order that said companies are 18 qualified.

19 (c) Any investor, including an individual, partner-20 ship or corporation who makes a capital investment in 21 a qualified West Virginia capital company is entitled to 22 a tax credit equal to fifty percent of the investment, 23except as otherwise provided in this section or in this 24 article. The credit allowed by this article shall be 25 taken after all other credits allowed by chapter eleven 26 of this code. It shall be taken against the same taxes 27 and in the same order as set forth in subsections (c) 28 through (i), section five, article thirteen-c, chapter 29 eleven of this code. The credit for investments by a 30 partnership or by a corporation electing to be treated as a Subchapter S corporation may be divided pursu-31 32 ant to election of partners or shareholders.

33 (d) The tax credit allowed under this section is to be 34 credited against the taxpayer's tax liability for the 35 taxable year in which the investment in a qualified 36 West Virginia capital company is made. If the amount 37 of the tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability for 38 the taxable year, the amount of the credit which 39 exceeds the tax liability for the taxable year may be 40 carried to succeeding taxable years until used in full, 41 or until forfeited: Provided, That: (i) Tax credits may 42 not be carried forward beyond fifteen years; and (ii) 43 tax credits may not be carried back to prior taxable 44 years. Any tax credit remaining after the fifteenth 45 taxable year is forfeited.

46 (e) The tax credit provided for in this section is47 available only to those taxpayers whose investment in48 a qualified West Virginia capital company occurs after

49 the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred 50 eighty-six.

(f) The tax credit allowed under this section may not
be used against any liability the taxpayer may have
for interest, penalties or additions to tax.

(g) Notwithstanding any provision in this code to the contrary, the tax commissioner shall publish in the state register the name and address of every taxpayer, and the amount, by category, of any credit asserted under this article for any tax year beginning on or after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred ninety-one. The categories by dollar amount of credit received shall be as follows:

- 62 (1) More than \$1.00, but not more than \$50,000;
- 63 (2) More than \$50,000, but not more than \$100,000;
- 64 (3) More than \$100,000, but not more than \$250,000;
- 65 (4) More than \$250,000, but not more than \$500,000;
- 66 (5) More than \$500,000, but not more than \$1,000,000;
- 67 (6) More than \$1,000,000.

CHAPTER 12. PUBLIC MONEYS AND SECURITIES.

ARTICLE 7. JOBS INVESTMENT TRUST FUND.

§12-7-1. Purposes and objectives; how article cited.

1 This article, which may be cited as the "Jobs 2 Investment Trust Act", is enacted to create a jobs 3 investment trust to be used for the development, 4 promotion and expansion of West Virginia's economy 5 and to provide opportunities to businesses and college 6 and university students to develop and implement 7 plans for innovative projects and investment 8 opportunity.

§12-7-2. Legislative findings.

1 (a) The Legislature finds that the creation of a public 2 body corporate to make investment funds available to 3 eligible businesses would stimulate economic growth 4 and provide or retain jobs within the state. Accord5 ingly, it is declared to be the public policy of the state
6 to create an availability of funds through an invest7 ment program to inject needed capital into the busi8 ness community, sustain or improve business profita9 bility, and provide jobs to the citizens of the state.

10 (b) The Legislature further finds: (1) That the 11 availability of financial assistance through the creation 12 of the jobs investment trust will promote economic 13 development in the state and will serve the public purposes of the state; (2) that a variety of means and 14 15 measures for the financing of projects, including the 16 insuring of loans or other forms of financing or credit 17 to be made available for working capital, innovative 18 investment plans and options, equity financing, or the refinancing of existing debt of an enterprise, will, as a 19 20 matter of public policy, serve the public purposes of 21 the state; and (3) that it is in the public interest, in 22 order to address the needs of the business community and the citizens of the state, that a public body 2324 corporate be created with full power to accept grants, 25gifts and appropriations, to generate revenues to the 26 end that funds obtained thereby may be used to 27 furnish money and credit to approved businesses or 28 enterprises or to promote the establishment of new 29 and innovative projects or to upgrade, expand, and 30 retain existing projects.

31 (c) The Legislature further finds: (1) That due to the 32 creation of the jobs investment trust, moneys will be 33 available for venture capital in this state; (2) that the 34 implementation this innovative program may supplant 35 the need for the state to otherwise assist private 36 venture capital concerns through tax credits; (3) that 37 due to the availability of venture capital funds through 38 this program the granting of venture capital company 39 credits under the capital company act should be 40 reduced for three fiscal years pending the full imple-41 mentation of the jobs investment trust program; (4) 42 that due to this reduction in the certification of tax 43 credits, additional general revenue may become 44 available for new economic development programs; (5) 45 these economic development programs may be funded

46 from general revenue in an amount appropriate to
47 effectuate the purposes of these programs; and (6) due
48 to the foregoing findings there shall be an annual line
49 item appropriation, in an amount determined by the
50 Legislature, to the West Virginia development office
51 for a matching grant program for regional economic
52 development corporations or authorities.

§12-7-3. Definitions.

1 As used in this article, the following words have the 2 meanings herein ascribed to them, unless the context 3 in which they are used clearly implies a different 4 meaning:

5 (a) "Board" means the jobs investment trust board6 established pursuant to section four of this article.

7 (b) "Eligible business" means any business which is
8 qualified to do business in West Virginia and is in good
9 standing with all applicable laws affecting the conduct
10 of such business.

(c) "Securities" means all bonds, notes, stocks,
debentures or other forms of negotiable and nonnegotiable evidences of indebtedness or ownership.

§12-7-4. Jobs investment trust board; composition; appointment, term of private members; chairman; quorum.

1 (a) There is hereby created the jobs investment trust 2 board. The board is created as a public body corporate 3 and established to improve and otherwise promote 4 economic development in this state.

5 (b) The board shall consist of thirteen members, five 6 of whom shall serve by virtue of their respective 7 positions. These five are the president of West Virginia 8 university or his or her designee; the president of 9 Marshall university or his or her designee; the chan-10 cellor of the board of directors of the state college 11 system or his or her designee; the executive director 12 of the West Virginia housing development fund and 13 the secretary of commerce, labor and environmental 14 resources. Two members shall be appointed by the

15 governor from a list of four names submitted by the 16 board of directors of the housing development fund. 17 The other six members shall be appointed from the 18 general public by the governor. Of the members of the 19 general public appointed by the governor, one shall be 20 an attorney with experience in finance and invest-21 ment matters, one shall be a certified public accoun-22 tant, one shall be a representative of labor, one shall 23 be experienced or involved in innovative business 24 development, two shall be present or past executive 25officers of companies listed on a major stock exchange or large privately held companies. 26

(c) In case of any vacancy on the board, such
vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term in the same manner as the
original appointment. Any person appointed to fill a
vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term.

32 (d) The governor may remove any appointed mem33 ber in case of incompetency, neglect of duty, moral
34 turpitude or malfeasance in office, and the governor
35 may declare the office vacant and fill the vacancy as
36 provided in other cases of vacancy.

37 (e) The chairman of the board shall be elected by38 the board from among the members of the board.

(f) Seven members of the board shall constitute a
quorum. No action may be taken by the board except
upon the affirmative vote of at least a majority of
those members present, but in no event fewer than six
of the members serving on the board.

(g) The members of the board, including the chairman, shall receive no compensation for their services
as members of the board but shall be entitled to their
reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred
in discharging their duties under this article.

49 (h) The board shall meet on a quarterly basis50 beginning the first day of July, one thousand nine51 hundred ninety-two, or more often if necessary.

52 (i) The terms of the board members appointed by53 the governor first taking office on or after the effective

date of this legislation shall expire as designated by the governor at the time of the nomination, two at the end of the first year, two at the end of the second year, two at the end of the third year and two at the end of the fourth year, after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-two. As these original appointments expire, each subsequent appointment shall be for a full four year term. Any member whose term has expired shall serve until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified. Any member shall be eligible for reappointment.

§12-7-5. Management and control of jobs investment trust vested in board; officers; liability; relationship to higher education institutions.

1 (a) It shall be the duty of the board to manage and 2 control the jobs investment trust. In order to carry out 3 the day to day management and control of the trust 4 and effectuate the purposes of this article, the board 5 shall appoint an executive director who is or has been 6 a senior executive of a major financial institution, 7 brokerage firm, investment firm, or similar institu-8 tion, with extensive experience in capital market 9 development. The board shall fix the executive direc-10 tor's duties. The board shall fix the compensation of 11 the executive director and the compensation shall, at 12 least in part, be incentive based. The executive 13 director shall serve at the will and pleasure of the 14 board.

(b) The board shall elect a secretary annually, whoneed not be a member of the board, to keep a recordof the proceeding of the board.

18 (c) The members and officers of the board shall not19 be liable personally, either jointly or severally, for any20 debt or obligation created by the board.

(d) The acts of the board shall be solely the acts of
its corporation and shall not be deemed to be those of
an agent of the state, nor shall any debt or obligation
of the boards be deemed to be a debt or obligation of
the state.

26(e) The West Virginia housing development fund 27 shall provide office space and staff support services for 28 the director and the board, shall act as fiscal agent for 29 the board and, as such, shall provide accounting 30 services for the board, invest all funds as directed by the board, service all investment activities of the 31 32 board, and shall make the disbursements of all funds 33 as directed by the board, for which the West Virginia 34 housing development fund shall be reasonably com-35 pensated, as determined by the board.

36 (f) The board and the executive director shall 37 involve students and faculty members of state institu-38 tions of higher education in the board's activities, in 39 order to enhance the opportunities at such institutions 40 for learning, and for participation in the board's 41 investment activities and in the economic develop-42 ment of the state, whether in research, financial 43 analysis, management participation, or in such other 44 ways as the board and the executive director may, in 45 their discretion, find appropriate.

§12-7-6. Corporate powers.

1 The board shall have the power:

2 (1) To make loans, with or without interest, but with 3 such security for repayment as the jobs investment 4 trust board determines reasonably necessary and 5 practicable, from the board's fund, for investment in 6 eligible businesses that stimulate economic growth and 7 provide or retain jobs in this state; such loans shall be 8 made only upon determination by the board that the loans are prudent and meet the criteria established by 9 10 the board:

(2) To accept appropriations, gifts, grants, bequests
and devises and to utilize or dispose of the same to
carry out its corporate purposes;

14 (3) To make and execute contracts, releases, com15 promises, agreements and other instruments necessary
16 or convenient for the exercise of its powers or to carry
17 out its corporate purposes;

18 (4) To collect reasonable fees and charges in connec-

19 tion with making and servicing loans, notes, bonds,
20 obligations, commitments and other evidences of
21 indebtedness, and in connection with providing techni22 cal, consultative and project assistance services;

23 (5) To sue and be sued;

24 (6) To have a seal and alter the same at will;

(7) To make, and from time to time, amend and
repeal bylaws and rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this article;

(8) To hire its own employees and appoint such
officers and consultants as it deems advisable, and to
fix their compensation and prescribe their duties;

31 (9) To acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal32 property for its corporate purposes;

(10) To enter into agreements or other transactions
with any federal or state agency, college or university,
any person and any domestic or foreign partnership,
corporation, association or organization;

(11) To acquire real property, or an interest therein,
in its own name, by purchase or foreclosure, where
acquisition is necessary or appropriate to protect any
loan in which the board has an interest and to sell,
transfer and convey any property to a buyer and, in
the event a sale, transfer or conveyance cannot be
effected with reasonable promptness or at a reasonable
price, to lease property to a tenant;

(12) To purchase or sell, at public or private sale, any
mortgage or other negotiable instrument or obligation
securing a loan;

(13) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property in such amounts, and from such
insurers, as may be necessary or desirable;

51 (14) To consent, whenever it considers it necessary 52 or desirable in the fulfillment of its corporate purpose, 53 to the modification of the rate of interest, time of 54 payment or any installment of principal or interest, or 55 any other terms, of investment, loan, contract or 56 agreement of any kind to which the board is a party;

57 (15) To establish training and educational programs58 to further the purposes of this article;

59 (16) To file its own travel rules and regulations;

60 (17) To borrow money to carry out its corporate
61 purpose in such principal amounts and upon such
62 terms as shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds
63 for achieving its corporate purpose.

(18) To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, and to
hold, transfer, sell, assign, pool or syndicate or participate in the syndication of, any loans, notes, mortgages,
securities or debt instruments or other instruments
evidencing loans or equity interests in or for the
fostering of economic growth, jobs preservation and
creation in the state of West Virginia, and all other
acts which carry out the board's purpose;

(19) To contract with either Marshall university or
West Virginia university, or both, for the purpose of
retaining the services of, and paying the reasonable
cost of services performed by the institution for the
board in order to effectuate the purposes of this
article;

(20) To enter into collaborative arrangements or
contracts with private venture capital companies when
deemed advisable by the board;

81 (21) To provide equity financing for any eligible 82 business that will stimulate economic growth and 83 provide or retain jobs in this State, and to hold, 84 transfer, sell, assign, pool or syndicate, or participate 85 in the syndication of, any loans, notes, mortgages, 86 securities or debt instruments or other instruments 87 evidencing loans or equity interest if in furtherance of the board's corporate purposes; 88

(22) To form partnerships, create subsidiaries or take
all other actions necessary to qualify as a small
business investment company under the United States
Public Law (85-699) Small Business Investment Act, as
amended; and

94 (23) To provide for staff payroll and make purchases 95 in the same manner as the housing development fund.

§12-7-7. Limitation on investments.

1 Subject to the provisions of section nine of this 2 article, the board may invest in any eligible business: 3 *Provided*, That at the time of the placement of the 4 investment not more than twenty percent of the 5 board's total investment portfolio is so invested in one 6 eligible business within any two-year period.

§12-7-8. Funding.

1 Effective the first day of July, one thousand nine 2 hundred ninety-two, the West Virginia housing devel-3 opment fund shall make available for the use of the 4 board ten million dollars as and when requested in 5 accordance with the provisions of section twenty-c, 6 article eighteen, chapter thirty-one of this code. The 7 funds shall be transferred to and held in a separate 8 account at the housing development fund for the trust 9 until a disbursement of such funds is directed by the 10 board. No more than eight million dollars may be 11 invested in qualified investments in the fiscal year one 12 thousand nine hundred ninety-three.

§12-7-9. Applications for investment priority; investment package.

1 (a) The board shall accept and review applications 2 from eligible businesses and shall determine the 3 investment worthiness and jobs creation potential of 4 each proposal, and the economic circumstances of the 5 region or regions of the state which would benefit 6 from each proposal. The board shall attempt to balance 7 its investments, as nearly as is practicable, among the 8 geographic regions of the state.

9 (b) Any public or private institution of higher 10 education in the state, or faculty or students of the 11 institution, may present for the board's consideration 12 proposals relating to innovative projects or investment 13 opportunities.

14 (c) There shall also be an annual audit conducted by

15 an independent firm of certified public accountants16 which shall be made available to the Legislature17 annually.

(d) The board shall forward to the West Virginia
housing development fund for its review and information approved investment packages containing such
information as is necessary to permit the West Virginia housing development fund to carry out its duties
under this article. The board shall determine whether
each applicant is an eligible business.

§12-7-10. Acceptance or rejection of investment package.

1 (a) The board may approve or disapprove an invest-2 ment package or any portion thereof: *Provided*, That 3 notwithstanding any provision of this article to the 4 contrary, the board may not accept any investment 5 package or any portion thereof unless the same has 6 been reviewed and approved by the board's executive 7 director in his or her sole discretion.

8 (b) The board shall disapprove any investment 9 package if the business requesting such investment is 10 not in good standing with all applicable laws affecting 11 the conduct of such business. Upon request of the 12 board, each affected state agency shall provide the 13 board with such information as to the standing of each 14 applicant, notwithstanding any provision of this code 15 to the contrary.

§12-7-11. Documentary materials concerning trade secrets; commercial, financial, or personal information; confidentiality.

1 Any documentary material or data made or received 2 by the board for the purpose of furnishing assistance, 3 to the extent that such material or data consists of 4 trade secrets, commercial, financial or personal infor-5 mation regarding the financial position or activities of 6 such business or person, shall not be considered public 7 records and shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant 8 to the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-b of this code. 9 Any discussion or consideration of such trade secrets, 10 commercial, financial or personal information may be

11 held by the board in executive session closed to the 12 public, notwithstanding the provisions of article nine-13 a, chapter six of this code: *Provided*, That the board 14 shall make public the following information regarding 15 executed investments: (1) The names and addresses of 16 the principals of the business and its board of direc-17 tors; (2) the location or locations of the projects; (3) the 18 amount of the investment or financial assistance 19 provided by the board; (4) the purpose of the invest-20 ment or financial assistance; (5) the maturity, interest 21 rate, and other pertinent terms of the investment; (6) 22 the fixed assets which serve as security for the 23 investment; and (7) names and addresses of all persons 24 holding twenty-five percent or more of the equity of 25 the entity receiving investment assistance.

§12-7-12. Reports of board; report of housing development fund.

1 (a) The board shall prepare annually, or more 2 frequently if deemed necessary by the board, a report 3 of its operations and the performance of the various 4 investments administered by it. A copy thereof shall 5 be furnished to the governor, the president of the 6 Senate, the speaker of the House of Delegates, the 7 legislative auditor and, upon request, to any legislative 8 committee. Such report shall be kept available for 9 inspection by any citizen of this state.

10 (b) The West Virginia housing development fund 11 shall prepare annually and submit to the president of 12 the Senate, the speaker of the House of Delegates, the 13 legislative auditor and, upon request, any legislative 14 committee, a report on the performance of the board 15 and the quality of its investments for the preceding 16 year.

§12-7-13. Earnings.

1 All earnings, interest and fees collected by the board 2 on or in respect of funds provided by the West 3 Virginia housing development fund shall go back into 4 the jobs development fund created pursuant to section 5 twenty-c, article eighteen, chapter thirty-one of this 6 code, for reinvestment and no such earnings, interest 7 or fees shall be considered part of the general revenue

8 of the state.

§12-7-14. Exemption from certain requirements; audit.

1 In order to provide excellent investment opportun-2 ities, the investment activity provided by this article 3 shall be exempt from the bidding and public sale requirements, from the approval of contractual agree-4 5 ments by the department of finance and administration or the attorney general and from the require-6 7 ments of chapter five-a of this code. The transactions 8 provided by this article shall be subject to an annual 9 audit by an independent firm of certified public 10 accountants.

§12-7-15. Conflicts of interest.

1 (a) No member of the board or officer, agent or 2 employee thereof shall, in his or her own name or in 3 the name of a nominee, hold an ownership interest of 4 more than seven and one-half percent in any associa-5 tion, trust, corporation, partnership or other entity 6 which is, in its own name or in the name of a nominee, a party to a contract or agreement upon 7 8 which the member or officer, agent or employee may 9 be called upon to act or vote.

10 (b) With respect to any direct or any indirect 11 interest, other than an interest prohibited in subsec-12 tion (a), in a contract or agreement upon which the 13 member or officer, agent or employee may be called 14 upon to act or vote, the member of the board or 15 officer, agent or employee thereof holding such interest shall disclose the same to the board secretary prior 16 17 to the taking of final action by the board concerning 18 such contract or agreement and shall disclose the 19 nature and extent of such interest and the date of his 20or her acquisition thereof, which disclosure shall be 21 publicly acknowledged by the board and entered upon 22 the minutes of the board. If a member of the board or 23 officer, agent or employee thereof holds such an 24 interest, he or she shall refrain from any further 25 involvement on behalf of the board in regard to such 26 contract or agreement, from voting on any matter

27 pertaining to such contract or agreement, and from 28 communicating with other members of the board or 29 its officers, agents and employees concerning said 30 contract or agreement. Notwithstanding any other 31 provision of law, any contract or agreement entered 32 into in conformity with this subsection shall not be 33 void or invalid by reason of the interest described in 34 this subsection, nor shall any person so disclosing the 35 interest and refraining from further official involve-36 ment as provided in this subsection be guilty of an 37 offense, be removed from office or be subject to any 38 other penalty or legal disability on account of such 39 interest.

40 (c) Any contract or agreement made in violation of
41 subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be null and
42 void and shall give rise to no civil or criminal action
43 against the board or any member thereof.

§12-7-16. Credit of state not pledged.

1 No provisions of this article shall be construed to 2 authorize the jobs investment trust board at any time 3 or in any manner to pledge the credit or taxing power 4 of the state, nor shall any of the obligations or debts 5 created by the jobs investment trust board under the 6 authority herein granted be deemed to be obligations 7 of the state.

CHAPTER 31. CORPORATIONS.

ARTICLE 18. WEST VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND.

§31-18-6. Corporate powers.

1 The housing development fund is hereby granted, 2 has and may exercise all powers necessary or appro-3 priate to carry out and effectuate its corporate pur-4 pose, including, but not limited to, the following:

5 (1) To make or participate in the making of federally
6 insured construction loans to sponsors of land develop7 ment, residential housing or nonresidential projects.
8 Such loans shall be made only upon determination by
9 the housing development fund that construction loans
10 are not otherwise available, wholly or in part, from

11 private lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms and12 conditions;

13 (2) To make temporary loans, with or without 14 interest, but with such security for repayment as the 15 housing development fund determines reasonably 16 necessary and practicable, from the operating loan 17 fund, if created, established, organized and operated in 18 accordance with the provisions of section nineteen of 19 this article, to defray development costs to sponsors of 20 land development, residential housing or nonresiden-21 tial projects which are eligible or potentially eligible 22 for federally insured construction loans, federally 23 insured mortgages, federal mortgages or uninsured 24 construction loans or uninsured mortgage loans;

(3) To make or participate in the making of longterm federally insured mortgage loans to sponsors of
land development, residential housing or nonresidential projects. Such loans shall be made only upon
determination by the housing development fund that
long-term mortgage loans are not otherwise available,
wholly or in part, from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms and conditions;

(4) To establish residential housing and nonresidential and land development projects for counties
declared to be in a disaster area by the Federal
Emergency Management Agency or other agency or
instrumentality of the United States or this state;

38 (5) To accept appropriations, gifts, grants, bequests
39 and devises and to utilize or dispose of the same to
40 carry out its corporate purpose;

41 (6) To make and execute contracts, releases, com42 promises, compositions and other instruments neces43 sary or convenient for the exercise of its powers, or to
44 carry out its corporate purpose;

(7) To collect reasonable fees and charges in connection with making and servicing loans, notes, bonds,
obligations, commitments and other evidences of
indebtedness, and in connection with providing technical, consultative and project assistance services;

50 (8) To invest any funds not required for immediate51 disbursement in any of the following securities:

52 (i) Direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by
53 the United States of America or for the payment of
54 the principal and interest on which the full faith and
55 credit of the United States of America is pledged;

56 (ii) Bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any of the following agencies: 57 Banks for cooperatives; federal intermediate credit 58 59 banks; federal home loan bank system; export-import bank of the United States: federal land banks: Tennes-60 see valley authority; United States postal service; 61 62 inter-American development bank; international bank 63 for reconstruction and development; small business 64 administration; Washington metropolitan area transit 65 authority; general services administration; federal financing bank; federal home loan mortgage corpora-66 67 tion; student loan marketing association; farmer's 68 home administration: the federal national mortgage association or the government national mortgage 69 association; or any bond, debenture, note, participation 7071 certificate or other similar obligation to the extent 72 such obligations are guaranteed by the government national mortgage association or federal national 73 74 mortgage association or are issued by any other 75 federal agency and backed by the full faith and credit 76 of the United States of America;

77 (iii) Public housing bonds issued by public agencies 78 or municipalities and fully secured as to the payment 79 of both principal and interest by a pledge of annual 80 contributions under an annual contributions contract 81 or contracts with the United States of America; or 82 temporary notes, preliminary loan notes, or project 83 notes issued by public agencies or municipalities, in each case, fully secured as to the payment of both 84 85 principal and interest by a requisition or payment 86 agreement with the United States of America;

(iv) Certificates of deposit, time deposits, investment
agreements, repurchase agreements or similar banking arrangements with a member bank or banks of the

90 federal reserve system or a bank the deposits of which 91 are insured by the federal deposit insurance corpora-92 tion, or its successor, or a savings and loan association 93 or savings bank the deposits of which are insured by 94 the federal savings and loan insurance corporation, or 95 its successor, or government bond dealers reporting to, 96 trading with and recognized as primary dealers by a 97 federal reserve bank: Provided, That such investments 98 shall only be made to the extent insured by the federal 99 deposit insurance corporation or the federal savings 100 and loan insurance corporation or to the extent that 101 the principal amount thereof shall be fully collateral-102 ized by obligations which are authorized investments 103 for the housing development fund pursuant to this 104 section;

105 (v) Direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by106 the state of West Virginia;

107 (vi) Direct and general obligations of any other state, 108 municipality or other political subdivision within the 109 territorial United States: *Provided*, That at the time of 110 their purchase, such obligations are rated in either of 111 the two highest rating categories by a nationally 112 recognized bond-rating agency;

113 (vii) Any bond, note, debenture or annuity issued by 114 any corporation organized and operating within the 115 United States: Provided, That such corporation shall 116 have a minimum net worth of fifteen million dollars 117 and its securities or its parent corporation's securities 118 are listed on one or more of the national stock 119 exchanges: Provided, however, That: (1) Such corpora-120 tion has earned a profit in eight of the preceding ten 121 fiscal years as reflected in its statements; and (2) such 122 corporation has not defaulted in the payment of 123principal or interest on any of its outstanding funded 124 indebtedness during its preceding ten fiscal years; and 125(3) the bonds, notes or debentures of such corporation 126 to be purchased are rated "AA" or the equivalent 127 thereof or better than "AA" or the equivalent thereof 128by at least two or more nationally recognized rating 129services such as Standard and Poor's, Dunn & Brad-130 street, Best's or Moody's;

(viii) If entered into solely for the purpose of
reducing investment, interest rate, liquidity or other
market risks in relation to obligations issued or to be
issued or owned or to be owned by the housing
development fund, options, futures contracts (including index futures but exclusive of commodities
futures, options or other contracts), standby purchase
agreements or similar hedging arrangements listed by
a nationally recognized securities exchange or a
corporation described in paragraph (vii) above;

(ix) Certificates, shares or other interests in mutual
funds, unit trusts or other entities registered under
section eight of the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, but only to the extent that the terms
on which the underlying investments are to be made
prevent any more than a minor portion of the pool
which is being invested in to consist of obligations
other than investments permitted pursuant to this
section; and

(x) To the extent not inconsistent with the express provisions of this section, obligations of the West Virginia state board of investments or any other obligation authorized as an investment for the West Virginia state board of investments under article six, chapter twelve of this code or for a public housing authority under article fifteen, chapter sixteen of this code;

158 (9) To sue and be sued;

159 (10) To have a seal and alter the same at will;

160 (11) To make, and from time to time, amend and161 repeal bylaws and rules and regulations not inconsis-162 tent with the provisions of this article;

163 (12) To appoint such officers, employees and consul164 tants as it deems advisable and to fix their compensa165 tion and prescribe their duties;

166 (13) To acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal167 property for its corporate purposes;

168 (14) To enter into agreements or other transactions

169 with any federal or state agency, any person and any170 domestic or foreign partnership, corporation, associa-171 tion or organization;

172 (15) To acquire real property, or an interest therein, 173 in its own name, by purchase or foreclosure, where 174 such acquisition is necessary or appropriate to protect 175 any loan in which the housing development fund has 176 an interest and to sell, transfer and convey any such 177 property to a buyer and, in the event of such sale, 178 transfer or conveyance cannot be effected with reason-179 able promptness or at a reasonable price, to lease such 180 property to a tenant;

181 (16) To purchase or sell, at public or private sale, any
182 mortgage or other negotiable instrument or obligation
183 securing a construction, rehabilitation, improvement,
184 land development, mortgage or temporary loan;

185 (17) To procure insurance against any loss in connec-186 tion with its property in such amounts, and from such187 insurers, as may be necessary or desirable;

188 (18) To consent, whenever it deems it necessary or 189 desirable in the fulfillment of its corporate purpose, to 190 the modification of the rate of interest, time of 191 payment or any installment of principal or interest, or 192 any other terms, of mortgage loan, mortgage loan 193 commitment, construction loan, rehabilitation loan, 194 improvement loan, temporary loan, contract or agree-195 ment of any kind to which the housing development 196 fund is a party;

(19) To make and publish rules and regulations
respecting its federally insured mortgage lending,
uninsured mortgage lending, construction lending,
rehabilitation lending, improvement lending and
lending to defray development costs and any such
other rules and regulations as are necessary to effectuate its corporate purpose;

(20) To borrow money to carry out and effectuate its
corporate purpose and to issue its bonds or notes as
evidence of any such borrowing in such principal
amounts and upon such terms as shall be necessary to

208 provide sufficient funds for achieving its corporate
209 purpose, except that no notes shall be issued to mature
210 more than ten years from date of issuance and no
211 bonds shall be issued to mature more than fifty years
212 from date of issuance;

(21) To issue renewal notes, to issue bonds to pay
notes and, whenever it deems refunding expedient, to
refund any bonds by the issuance of new bonds,
whether the bonds to be refunded have or have not
matured except that no such renewal notes shall be
issued to mature more than ten years from date of
issuance of the notes renewed and no such refunding
bonds shall be issued to mature more than fifty years
from the date of issuance;

(22) To apply the proceeds from the sale of renewalnotes or refunding bonds to the purchase, redemptionor payment of the notes or bonds to be refunded;

225 (23) To make grants and provide technical services to 226 assist in the purchase or other acquisition, planning, 227 processing, design, construction, or rehabilitation, 228 improvement or operation of residential housing, 229 nonresidential projects or land development: Provided, 230That no such grant or other financial assistance shall 231 be provided except upon a finding by the housing 232development fund that such assistance and the man-233ner in which it will be provided will preserve and 234 promote residential housing in this state or the 235 interests of this state in maintaining or increasing 236 employment or the tax base;

(24) To provide project assistance services for residential housing, nonresidential projects and land
development, including, but not limited to, management, training and social and other services;

(25) To promote research and development in scientific methods of constructing low cost land development, residential housing or nonresidential projects of
high durability including grants, loans or equity
contributions for research and development purposes: *Provided*, That no such grant or other financial
assistance shall be provided except upon a finding by

the housing development fund that such assistance
and the manner in which it will be provided will
preserve and promote residential housing in this state
or the interests of this state in maintaining and
increasing employment and the tax base;

253(26) With the proceeds from the issuance of notes or 254 bonds of the housing development fund, including, but 255not limited to, mortgage finance bonds, or with other 256funds available to the housing development fund for 257 such purpose, to participate in the making of or to 258 make loans to mortgagees approved by the housing 259development fund and take such collateral security 260therefor as is approved by the housing development 261 fund and to invest in, purchase, acquire, sell or 262participate in the sale of, or take assignments of, notes 263and mortgages, evidencing loans for the construction, 264 rehabilitation, improvement, purchase or refinancing 265 of land development, residential housing or nonresi-266 dential projects in this state: Provided, That the 267 housing development fund shall obtain such written 268 assurances as shall be satisfactory to it that the 269proceeds of such loans, investments or purchases will 270 be used, as nearly as practicable, for the making of or 271 investment in long-term federally insured mortgage 272 loans or federally insured construction loans, unin-273sured mortgage loans or uninsured construction loans, 274 for land development, residential housing or nonresi-275dential projects or that other moneys in an amount 276 approximately equal to such proceeds shall be commit-277 ted and used for such purpose;

(27) To make or participate in the making of uninsured construction loans for land development, residential housing or nonresidential projects. Such loans
shall be made only upon determination by the housing
development fund that construction loans are not
otherwise available, wholly or in part, from private
lenders upon reasonably equivalent terms and
conditions;

(28) To make or participate in the making of longterm uninsured mortgage loans for land development,
residential housing or nonresidential projects. Such

289 loans shall be made only upon determination by the
290 housing development fund that long-term mortgage
291 loans are not otherwise available, wholly or in part,
292 from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent
293 terms and conditions;

294 (29) To obtain options to acquire real property, or 295 any interest therein, in its own name, by purchase, or 296 lease or otherwise, which is found by the housing 297 development fund to be suitable, or potentially suit-298 able, as a site, or as part of a site, for land development 299 or the construction of residential housing or nonresi-300 dential projects: to hold such real property or to 301 acquire by purchase or otherwise and to transfer by 302 sale or otherwise any ownership or equity interests in 303 any other legal entity which holds such real property; 304 to finance the performance of land development, 305 residential housing or nonresidential projects on or in 306 connection with any such real property or to perform 307 land development, residential housing or nonresiden-308 tial projects on or in connection with any such real 309 property; to own, operate and sponsor or participate in 310 the sponsorship of land development, residential housing or nonresidential projects; or to sell, transfer 311 312 and convey, lease or otherwise dispose of such real 313 property, or lots, tracts or parcels of such real prop-314 erty, for such prices, upon such terms, conditions and limitations, and at such time or times as the housing 315 316 development fund shall determine;

317 (30) To make loans, with or without interest, but 318 with such security for repayment as the housing 319 development fund determines reasonably necessary 320 and practicable from the land development fund, if 321 created, established, organized and operated in accor-322 dance with the provisions of section twenty-a of this 323 article, to sponsors of land development, to defray 324 development costs and other costs of land development;

325 (31) To exercise all of the rights, powers and author326 ities of a public housing authority as set forth and
327 provided in article fifteen, chapter sixteen of this code,
328 in any area or areas of the state which the housing
329 development fund shall determine by resolution to be

330 necessary or appropriate;

(32) To provide assistance to urban renewal projects
in accordance with the provisions of section twentyeight, article eighteen, chapter sixteen of this code and
in so doing to exercise all of the rights, powers and
authorities granted in this article or in said article, in
and for any communities of the state which the
housing development fund shall determine by resolution to be necessary or appropriate;

339 (33) To make or participate in the making of loans 340 for the purpose of rehabilitating or improving existing 341 residential and temporary housing or nonresidential 342 projects, or to owners of existing residential or tempo-343 rary housing for occupancy by eligible persons and 344 families for the purpose of rehabilitating or improving 345such residential or temporary housing or nonresiden-346 tial projects and, in connection therewith, to refinance 347 existing loans involving the same property. Such loans 348 shall be made only upon determination by the housing 349 development fund that rehabilitation or improvement 350 loans are not otherwise available, wholly or in part, 351 from private lenders upon reasonably equivalent 352terms and conditions:

353 (34) Whenever the housing development fund deems 354 it necessary in order to exercise any of its powers set 355 forth in subdivision (29) of this section, and upon being 356 unable to agree with the owner or owners of real 357 property or interest therein sought to be acquired by 358 the fund upon a price for acquisition of private 359 property not being used or operated by the owner in 360 the production of agricultural products, to exercise the 361 powers of eminent domain in the acquisition of such 362 real property or interest therein in the manner 363 provided under chapter fifty-four of this code, and the 364 purposes set forth in said subdivision are hereby 365 declared to be public purposes for which private 366 property may be taken. For the purposes of this 367 section, the determination of "use or operation by the 368 owner in the production of agricultural products" 369 means that the principal use of such real estate is for 370 the production of food and fiber by agricultural

371 production other than forestry, and the fund shall not 372 initiate or exercise any powers of eminent domain 373 without first receiving an opinion in writing from both 374 the governor and the commissioner of agriculture of 375 this state that at the time the fund had first attempted 376 to acquire such real estate or interest therein, such 377 real estate or interest therein was not in fact being 378 used or operated by the owner in the production of 379 agricultural products;

(35) To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, and to hold, transfer, sell, assign, pool or syndicate, or participate in the syndication of, any loans, notes, mortgages, securities or debt instruments collateralized by mortgages or interests in mortgages or other instruments evidencing loans or equity interests in or for the construction, rehabilitation, improvement, renovation, purchase or refinancing of land development, residential housing and nonresidential projects in this state; and

(36) To form one or more nonprofit corporations,
whose board of directors shall be the same as the
board of directors of the housing development fund,
which shall be authorized and empowered to carry out
any or all of the corporate powers or purposes of the
housing development fund, including without limitation acquiring limited or general partnership interests
and other forms of equity ownership.

§31-18-20a. Land development fund.

1 (a) The board of directors of the housing develop-2 ment fund may create and establish a special revolv-3 ing fund of moneys made available by appropriation, 4 grant, contribution or loan, to be known as the land 5 development fund and to be governed, administered 6 and accounted for by the directors, officers and 7 managerial staff of the housing development fund as a 8 special purpose account separate and distinct from any 9 other moneys, fund or funds owned and managed by 10 the housing development fund.

(b) The purpose of the land development fund shallbe to provide a source from which the housing devel-

opment fund may finance development costs and land
development in this state by making loans or grants
therefrom, such loans to be with or without interest
and with such security for repayment as the housing
development fund deems reasonably necessary and
practicable, or by expending moneys therefrom, for
development costs and land development in this state.

(c) The housing development fund may invest and
reinvest all moneys in the land development fund in
any investments authorized under section six of this
article, pending the disbursement thereof in connection with the financing of development costs and land
development in this state.

(d) No loans shall be made by the housing development fund from the land development fund except in
accordance with a written loan agreement which shall
include, but not be limited to, the following terms and
conditions:

(1) The proceeds of all such loans shall be used onlyfor development costs and land development;

33 (2) All such loans shall be repaid in full, with or34 without interest, as provided in the agreement;

35 (3) All repayments shall be made concurrent with
36 receipt by the borrower of the proceeds of a construc37 tion loan or mortgage, as the case may be, or at such
38 other times as the housing development fund deems
39 reasonably necessary or practicable; and

40 (4) Specification of such security for repayments
41 upon such terms and conditions as the housing devel42 opment fund deems reasonably necessary or
43 practicable.

(e) No grants shall be made by the housing development fund from the land development fund except in
accordance with a written grant agreement which
shall require that the proceeds of all such grants shall
be used only for development costs or land development and containing such other terms and provisions
as the housing development fund may require to
ensure that the public purposes of this article are

52 furthered by such grant.

53 (f) The housing development fund may expend any 54 income from the financing of development costs and 55 land development with moneys in the land develop-56 ment fund, and from investment of such moneys, in 57 payment, or reimbursement, of all expenses of the 58 housing development fund which, as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the board of 59 60 directors of the housing development fund, are fairly 61 allocable to such financing or its land-development 62 activities: Provided, That no funds from the land development fund shall be used to carry on propa-63 64 ganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation.

65 (g) The housing development fund shall create and 66 establish a special account within the land develop-67 ment fund to be designated as the "special project account" into which the housing development fund 68 69 shall, effective the first day of July, one thousand nine 70 hundred ninety-two, deposit the sum of ten million 71 dollars. Such funds shall be governed, administered 72 and accounted for by the housing development fund as 73 a special purpose account separate and distinct from any other moneys, fund or funds owned or managed 74 75 by the housing development fund. The sole and 76 exclusive purpose of such account shall be to provide 77 a source of funds for the financing of infrastructure 78 projects including distribution from time to time to the West Virginia water pollution control revolving 79 80 fund created pursuant to section three, article five-i, 81 chapter twenty of this code: Provided, That such 82 distribution shall not exceed five million four hundred 83 fifty thousand dollars; and distribution from time to 84 time to fund soil conservation projects: Provided, 85 however, That such distribution shall not exceed four 86 million five hundred fifty thousand dollars. Until so disbursed, the moneys initially deposited or thereafter 87 88 from time to time deposited in such special project account, may be invested and reinvested by the 89 90 housing development fund as permitted under subsec-91 tion (8), section six of this article. Any funds remain-92 ing in the special project account on the first day of 93 July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-five shall 94 automatically revert to the general fund of the hous95 ing development fund free of any limitations provided
96 in this section. The provisions of subsections (c), (d),
97 (e) and (f) of this section shall not apply to the special
98 project account created in this section.

§31-18-20c. Jobs development fund.

1 There is hereby created and established a special 2 fund to be designated as the "jobs development fund" 3 into which the housing development fund shall, 4 effective the first day of July, one thousand nine 5 hundred ninety-two, deposit the sum of ten million 6 dollars. Thereafter, the housing development fund 7 shall have no further duty or obligation to, but may in 8 its sole discretion, deposit additional funds. Such funds 9 shall be governed, administered and accounted for by 10 the housing development fund as a special purpose 11 account separate and distinct from any other moneys, 12 fund or funds owned or managed by the housing 13 development fund. The sole and exclusive purpose of 14 such fund shall be to provide a source for distribution 15 from time to time to the jobs investment trust as 16 provided for in article seven, chapter twelve of this 17 code. Upon receipt by the housing development fund 18 from time to time of a written requisition from the 19 trust together with a certificate that the funds so 20 requisitioned will be used in accordance with the 21 provisions of article seven, chapter twelve of this code 22 and are expected to be expended within thirty days 23after such disbursement to fund a loan or other 24 investment or to pay the operating expenses of the 25trust, the housing development fund shall disburse the 26 amount so requisitioned. Until so disbursed, the 27 moneys initially deposited or thereafter from time to 28 time deposited in such fund may be invested and 29 reinvested by the housing development fund as per-30 mitted under subsection (8), section six of this article. 31 Upon the dissolution or the termination of the jobs 32 investment trust board, any funds remaining in the 33 jobs development fund shall automatically revert to 34 the general fund of the housing development fund free 35 of any limitations provided in this section.

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

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