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AN ACT to repeal sections six, nine, nine-a, nine-b, nine-d, nine-f and eleven, article six, chapter twelve of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; to amend and reenact section one, article ten-d, chapter five of said code; to amend and reenact section thirteen, article one, chapter twelve of said code; to amend and reenact sections two, three, five, eight, ten, twelve, thirteen and fifteen, article six of said chapter; to further amend said article by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine-g; and to amend chapter forty-four of said code by adding thereto a new article, designated article six-b, all relating to transferring from the board of investments to the newly created West Virginia trust fund for the purpose of investment the funds formerly known as the consolidated pension fund and hereafter known as the consolidated pension plan and being within the West Virginia public employees retirement system established in article ten, chapter five of this code, and within the state teachers retirement system established in article seven-a, chapter eighteen of this code, and within the West Virginia state police retirement system established in article two-a, chapter fifteen of this code, and within the death, disability and

retirement fund for the division of public safety established in article two, chapter fifteen of this code, and within the judges' retirement system established in article nine, chapter fifty-one of this code, and within the workers' compensation fund established in article three, chapter twenty-three of this code, and within the coal-workers' pneumoconiosis fund established in article four-b, chapter twenty-three of this code; consolidated public retirement board transferring public retirement plans' employee and employer contributions except defined contribution and voluntary deferred compensation funds; payment for services relating to the pursuit of claims against third party investment losses: board of investments; definitions; board composition; removal of authority to invest public retirement funds: management of consolidated fund; purchase of loans from the workers' compensation loan pool, from the public employees retirement system loan pool, and from the teachers retirement system loan pool; restrictions on investments; investment policy; standard of care; exceptions to the board of investments; audits; West Virginia trust fund; how article cited; legislative findings and purpose; public employee and employer contributions declared to be an irrevocable trust; disclaimer of state ownership; workers' compensation and pneumoconiosis funds declared to be trust funds; definitions; West Virginia trust fund created; body corporate; board created; trustees; nomination and appointment of trustees, qualifications and terms of appointment, advice and consent; operational, annual, and other meetings; designation of representatives and committees; board meetings with committees regarding investment policy statement required; open meetings, qualifications; management and control of fund; officers; staff; fiduciary or surety bonds for trustees; liability of trustees; corporate powers; annual audits; reports and information to constitutional and legislative officers, council of finance and administration, consolidated public retirement board, workers' compensation fund, and coal-workers' pneumoconiosis fund; statements and reports open for inspection; fees for service; transfers to the trust; trust indenture; standard of care; and limitations on investments.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections six, nine, nine-a, nine-b, nine-d, nine-f and eleven, article six, chapter twelve of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be repealed; that section one, article ten-d, chapter five of said code be amended and reenacted; that section thirteen, article one, chapter twelve of said code be amended and reenacted; that sections two, three, five, eight, ten, twelve, thirteen and fifteen, article six of said chapter be amended and reenacted; that said article be further amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine-g; and that chapter forty-four of said code be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article six-b, all to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 5. GENERAL POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL; BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, OFFICES, PROGRAMS, ETC.

#### ARTICLE 10D. CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC RETIREMENT BOARD.

#### §5-10D-1. Consolidated public retirement board created; transition; members; vacancies.

1 (a) There is hereby created a consolidated public 2 retirement board to administer all public retirement plans 3 in this state. It shall administer the public employees retirement system established in article ten of this chapter; 4 5 the teachers retirement system established in article seven-a, chapter eighteen of this code; the teachers' 6 defined contribution retirement system created by article 7 seven-b, chapter eighteen of this code; the death, disability 8 9 and retirement fund of the department of public safety 10 created by article two, chapter fifteen of this code; and the 11 judges' retirement system created under article nine, chapter fifty-one of this code. 12

13 (b) The consolidated public retirement board shall 14 begin administration of the systems listed in subsection (a) 15 of this section on the first day of July, one thousand nine 16 hundred ninety-one: *Provided*, That the board shall begin 17 administration of the teachers' defined contribution 18 retirement system established in article seven-b, chapter

eighteen of this code on the first day of January, one
thousand nine hundred ninety-one. Prior to that date the
existing entities which administer the system shall
cooperate with the board in the orderly transition of all
duties, responsibilities, records and other materials in their
possession.

25 (c) The membership of the consolidated public26 retirement board consists of:

27 (1) The governor or his or her designee;

28 (2) The state treasurer or his or her designee;

29 (3) The state auditor or his or her designee;

30 (4) The secretary of the department of administration31 or his or her designee;

32 (5) Four residents of the state, who are not members,
33 retirants or beneficiaries of any of the public retirement
34 systems, to be appointed by the governor, with the advice
35 and consent of the Senate; and

36 (6) A member, annuitant or retirant of the public 37 employees retirement system who is or was a state 38 employee; a member, annuitant or retirant of the public 39 employees retirement system who is not or was not a state 40 employee; a member, annuitant or retirant of the teachers 41 retirement system; a member, annuitant or retirant of the 42 department of public safety death, disability and retirement fund; and a member, annuitant or retirant of 43 the teachers' defined contribution retirement system, all to 44 45 be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent 46 of the Senate.

47 (d) The appointed members of the board shall serve 48 five-year terms. A member appointed pursuant to 49 subdivision (5), subsection (c) of this section ceases to be a 50 member of the board if he or she ceases to be a member of the represented system. If a vacancy occurs in the 51 52 appointed membership, the governor, within sixty days, 53 shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. No more than five appointees shall be of the same 54 55 political party.

56 (e) The consolidated public retirement board shall 57 have all the powers, duties, responsibilities and liabilities of 58 the public employees retirement system established 59 pursuant to article ten of this chapter; the teachers 60 retirement system established pursuant to article seven-a, 61 chapter eighteen of this code; the teachers' defined 62 contribution system established pursuant to article seven-b. 63 chapter eighteen of this code; the death, disability and 64 retirement fund of the department of public safety created 65 pursuant to article two, chapter fifteen of this code; and 66 the judges' retirement system created pursuant to article 67 nine, chapter fifty-one of this code and their appropriate 68 governing boards. The consolidated public retirement 69 board may propose for promulgation all rules necessary 70 to effectuate its powers, duties and responsibilities 71 pursuant to article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this 72 code: Provided, That the board may adopt any or all of 73 the rules, previously promulgated, of a retirement system 74 which it administers.

75 (f) Effective on the first day of July, one thousand 76 nine hundred ninety-six, the consolidated public 77 retirement board shall, within two business days of receipt. 78 transfer all funds received by the consolidated public 79 retirement board for the benefit of the retirement systems 80 within the consolidated pension plan as defined in section 81 three-c, article six-b, chapter forty-four of this code, 82 including, but not limited to, all employer and employee 83 contributions, to the West Virginia trust fund: Provided, 84 That the employer and employee contributions of the 85 teachers' defined contribution system, established in 86 section three, article seven-b, chapter eighteen of this code, 87 and voluntary deferred compensation funds invested by 88 the West Virginia consolidated public retirement board 89 pursuant to section five, article ten-b, of this chapter, shall 90 not be transferred to the West Virginia trust fund.

91 (g) The consolidated public retirement board shall be 92 a trustee for all public retirement plans, except with regard 93 to the investment of funds: *Provided*, That the 94 consolidated public retirement board shall be a trustee 95 with regard to the investments of the teachers' defined 96 contribution system, and voluntary deferred compensation

97 funds invested pursuant to section five, article ten-b, of this98 chapter.

#### **CHAPTER 12. PUBLIC MONEYS AND SECURITIES.**

#### ARTICLE 1. STATE DEPOSITORIES.

## §12-1-13. Payment of banking services and litigation costs for prior investment losses.

1 (a) The board of investments is authorized to pay for 2 banking services, and services ancillary thereto, by either a 3 compensating balance in a noninterest-bearing account 4 maintained at the financial institution providing the 5 services or with a state warrant as described in section one, 6 article five of this chapter.

7 (b) The board of investments is authorized to pay for 8 the investigation and pursuit of claims against third parties 9 for the investment losses incurred during the period 10 beginning on the first day of August, one thousand nine 11 hundred eighty-four, and ending on the thirty-first day of 12 August, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine. The 13 payment may be in the form of a state warrant.

14 (c) If payment is made by a state warrant, the board of investments is authorized to establish within the 15 16 consolidated fund an investment pool which will generate 17 sufficient income to pay for all banking services provided to the state and to pay for the investigation and pursuit of 18 19 the prior investment loss claims. All income earned by the 20 investment pool shall be paid into a special account of the 21 state board of investments to be known as the banking 22 services account and shall be used solely for the purpose 23 of paying for all banking services and services ancillary to 24 the banking services provided to the state and for the 25 investigation and pursuit of the prior investment loss 26 claims.

#### ARTICLE 6. WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF INVEST-MENTS.

#### §12-6-2. Definitions.

1 As used in this article, unless a different meaning 2 clearly appears from the context: 3 (1) "Board" means the West Virginia state board of 4 investments;

5 (2) "Consolidated fund" means the investment fund 6 managed by the board and established pursuant to 7 subsection (a), section eight of this article;

8 (3) "Local government funds" means the moneys of a 9 political subdivision, including policemen's pension and 10 relief funds, firemen's pension and relief funds and 11 volunteer fire departments, transferred to the board for 12 deposit;

(4) "Political subdivision" means and includes a
county, municipality or any agency, authority, board,
county board of education, commission or instrumentality
of a county or municipality and regional councils created
pursuant to the provisions of section five, article
twenty-five, chapter eight of this code;

19 (5) "Securities" means all bonds, notes, debentures or20 other evidences of indebtedness;

21 (6) "State funds" means all moneys of the state which
22 may be lawfully invested except the "school fund"
23 established by section four, article XII of the state
24 constitution; and

(7) "West Virginia trust fund" means the entity created
by the provisions of article six-b, chapter forty-four of this
code.

#### §12-6-3. State board of investments continued; body corporate; members; appointment of certain members; qualifications and term of office.

1 (a) The state board of investments is hereby continued as a body corporate of the state authorized to exercise all 2 3 of the powers and functions granted to it pursuant to this 4 article. There shall be seven members of the state board of investments. The governor, or his or her designee, state 5 treasurer and state auditor shall be members of the board. 6 7 There shall be four members appointed by the governor: Provided, That no more than three such appointed 8 9 members may belong to the same political party.

10 (b) The members appointed by the governor shall be 11 appointed from a list of twelve persons submitted jointly 12 by the governor, the state treasurer and the state auditor. 13 No more than two names submitted by the governor may 14 be appointed as members to the board. Of the members 15 appointed by the governor, two shall be members of the 16 financial community, one shall be a certified public 17 accountant and one shall be an attorney with experience in 18 finance and investment matters. Appointments shall be 19 made by the governor with the advice and consent of the 20 Senate.

21 (c) Appointed members shall serve for a term of six 22 years and may be reappointed at the expiration of their In the event of a vacancy among appointed 23 terms. members, an appointment shall be made to fill the 24 25 unexpired term. Upon the expiration of terms on the 26 thirtieth day of April, two thousand one, the governor shall 27 appoint or reappoint one member to a three-year term; 28 one to a four-year term; one to a five-year term; and one 29 to a six-year term. Thereafter, all terms shall be six years.

30 (d) Appointed members of the board shall serve
31 without compensation, but are entitled to their reasonable
32 and necessary expenses actually incurred in discharging
33 their duties under this article.

#### §12-6-5. Powers of the board.

1 The board may exercise all powers necessary or 2 appropriate to carry out and effectuate its corporate 3 purposes. The board may:

4 (1) Adopt and use a common seal and alter the same 5 at pleasure;

6 (2) Sue and be sued;

7 (3) Enter into contracts and execute and deliver 8 instruments;

9 (4) Acquire (by purchase, gift or otherwise), hold, use 10 and dispose of real and personal property, deeds, 11 mortgages and other instruments;

12 (5) Promulgate and enforce bylaws and rules for the

13 management and conduct of its affairs: 14 (6) Retain and employ legal, accounting, financial and 15 investment advisors and consultants; 16 (7) Acquire (by purchase, gift or otherwise), hold, 17 exchange, pledge, lend and sell or otherwise dispose of 18 securities and invest funds in interest earning deposits; 19 (8) Maintain accounts with banks, securities dealers 20 and financial institutions both within and outside this state; 21 (9) Engage in financial transactions whereby securities 22 are purchased by the board under an agreement providing 23 for the resale of the securities to the original seller at a 24 stated price: 25 (10) Engage in financial transactions whereby 26 securities held by the board are sold under an agreement 27 providing for the repurchase of the securities by the board 28 at a stated price; 29 (11) Consolidate and manage moneys, securities and other assets of the other funds and accounts of the state 30 and the moneys of political subdivisions which may be 31 32 made available to it under the provisions of this article; 33 (12) Enter into agreements with political subdivisions of the state whereby moneys of the political subdivisions 34 35 are invested on their behalf by the board; 36 (13) Charge and collect administrative fees from 37 political subdivisions for its services: 38 (14) Exercise all powers generally granted to and 39 exercised by the holders of investment securities with 40 respect to management of the investment securities; 41 (15) Contract with one or more banking institutions in 42 or outside the state for the custody, safekeeping and 43 management of securities held by the board; and 44 (16) Develop and implement a centralized receipts 45 processing center.

**§12-6-8.** Investment funds established; management thereof.

1 (a) There is hereby established a special investment 2 fund to be managed by the board and designated as the 3 "consolidated fund".

4 (b) Each board, commission, department, official or 5 agency charged with the administration of state funds is 6 hereby authorized to make moneys available to the board 7 for investment.

8 (c) Each political subdivision of this state through its 9 treasurer or equivalent financial officer is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the board for the 10 11 investment of moneys of the political subdivision. Any 12 political subdivision may enter into an agreement with any state agency from which it receives funds to allow the 13 14 funds to be transferred to their investment account with the state board of investments. 15

16 (d) Moneys held in the various funds and accounts 17 administered by the board shall be invested as permitted in 18 section twelve of this article and subject to the restrictions 19 contained in section ten of this article. The board shall 20 maintain records of the deposits and withdrawals of each 21 participant and the performance of the various funds and 22 accounts. The board shall also establish such rules and 23 regulations for the administration of the various funds and 24 accounts established by this section as it considers 25 necessary for the administration of the funds and accounts, including, but not limited to: (1) The 26 27 specification of minimum amounts which may be 28 deposited in any fund or account and minimum periods 29 of time for which deposits will be retained; and (2) 30 creation of reserves for losses: Provided, That in the event 31 any moneys made available to the board may not lawfully 32 be combined for investment or deposited in the 33 consolidated funds established by this section, the board 34 may create special accounts and may administer and invest 35 those moneys in accordance with the restrictions specially 36 applicable to those moneys.

#### **§12-6-9g.** Transfer of loans to consolidated fund.

1 The Legislature hereby finds and declares that with the 2 establishment of the West Virginia trust fund as provided 3 in article six-b, chapter forty-four of this code, and the 4 transfer of the retirement systems' and workers' 5 compensation and pneumoconiosis funds' investments to 6 the West Virginia trust fund, those mortgage and 7 economic development loans which the board determines 8 cannot be actively traded and which are currently held by 9 the retirement systems and workers' compensation and 10 pneumoconiosis funds should remain as investments of 11 the state.

12 Effective on the thirtieth day of June, one thousand 13 nine hundred ninety-six, the board of investments is 14 hereby directed to purchase the workers' compensation 15 loan pool, public employees retirement system loan pool 16 and teachers retirement loan pool. The amount to be paid 17 shall be the loan's current amortized cost value plus any 18 accrued interest as of the purchase date. The purchased 19 loans shall then be recorded in the consolidated fund's 20 state loan pool.

#### §12-6-10. Restrictions on investments.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision in this code, 2 moneys on deposit in the consolidated fund shall be 3 invested as permitted by section twelve of this article 4 subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in this 5 section:

6 (1) At no time shall more than seventy-five percent of 7 the consolidated fund be invested in any bond, note, 8 debenture, commercial paper or other evidence of 9 indebtedness of any private corporation or association. 10 Any such security, at the time of its acquisition, shall be 11 investment grade paper;

12 (2) At no time shall more than five percent of the
13 consolidated fund be invested in securities issued by a
14 single private corporation or association; and

(3) At no time shall less than fifteen percent of the
consolidated fund be invested in any direct obligation of
or obligation guaranteed as to the payment of both
principal and interest by the United States of America.

#### §12-6-12. Investment policy; standard of care.

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The board shall establish policy guidelines for the

2 investment of moneys on deposit in each of the funds 3 managed by the board based on the needs of the 4 participants in the various funds. The board shall review 5 the investments at least every three months and may 6 require the purchase or sale of any investments. In order 7 to effectuate its investment policies, the board shall require 8 from each participant a schedule, on an annual or more 9 frequent basis, of anticipated deposits and withdrawals.

10 Any investments made under this article shall be made 11 with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting 12 13 in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use 14 in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. Fiduciaries shall diversify plan investments so 15 16 as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the 17 circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so.

#### §12-6-13. Board as sole agency for investments; exceptions.

All duties vested by law in any agency, commission, 1 2 official or other board of the state relating to the 3 investment of moneys, and the acquisition, sale, exchange or disposal of securities or any other investment are 4 gm H 5 hereby transferred to the board: Provided, That the West Virginia trust fund, is the sole entity for the investment of 7 the consolidated pension plan funds in accordance with article six-b, chapter forty-four of this code: Provided. 8 however, That neither this section nor any other section of 9 this article applies to the "board of the school fund" and 10 11 the "school fund" established by section 4, article XII of 12 the state constitution: Provided further, That funds under the control of the municipal bond commission may, in the 13 discretion of the commission, be made available to the 14 board for investment to be invested by the commission as 15 16 provided in article three, chapter thirteen of this code.

#### §12-6-15. Audits.

1 The board shall cause to be conducted an annual 2 external audit, by a nationally recognized accounting firm 3 in conjunction with the annual federal audit, of all 4 investment transactions of the board: *Provided*, That the 5 board shall on a monthly basis provide to each state 6 agency and any other entity investing moneys in the
7 consolidated fund an itemized statement of the agency's or
8 the entity's account in the consolidated fund. The
9 statement shall include the beginning balance,
10 contributions, withdrawals, income distributed, change in
11 value and ending balance.

#### CHAPTER 44. ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES AND TRUSTS.

#### ARTICLE 6B. WEST VIRGINIA TRUST FUND.

#### §44-6B-1. How article cited.

1 This article shall be known and may be cited as the 2 "West Virginia Trust Fund Act".

#### §44-6B-2. Legislative findings and purpose.

1 (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that all 2 the public employees covered by the public employees retirement system, the teachers retirement system, the West 3 4 Virginia state police retirement system, the death disability 5 and retirement fund of the division of public safety and 6 the judges' retirement system should benefit from a prudent and conscientious staff of financial professionals 7 dedicated to the administration, investment 8 and 9 management of those employees' and employer's financial contributions and that an independent trust fund board 10 and staff should be immune to changing political climates 11 12 and should provide a stable and continuous source of 13 professional financial investment and management.

14 (b) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further that experience has demonstrated that prudent investment 15 16 provides diversification and beneficial return not only for 17 public employees but for all citizens of the state and that 18 in order to have access to this sound fiscal policy, public 19 employee and employer contributions are declared to be an irrevocable trust, available for no use or purpose other 2021 than for the benefit of those public employees.

(c) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further
 that the state and other public employers that made or
 make contributions to the West Virginia irrevocable trust

25 fund have no proprietary interest in the fund or in the 26 contributions made to the fund by them and that the state 27 and other public employers disclaim any right to reclaim 28 those contributions and waive any right of reclamation 29 they may have in the fund: Provided, That the provisions 30 of this subsection do not prohibit alterations or refunds of 31 employer contributions in the event of erroneous 32 payment.

33 (d) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further 34 that the workers' compensation funds and coal-workers' 35 pneumoconiosis fund are trust funds to be used 36 exclusively for those workers, miners and their 37 beneficiaries who have sacrificed their health in the 38 performance of their jobs, and further finds that the assets 39 available to pay awarded benefits should be prudently 40 invested so that awards may be paid.

41 (e) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further 42 that a not-for-profit, nonstock corporate structure with 43 appropriate governance shall be the best means of 44 assuring prudent financial management of this nonstate 45 trust fund under rapidly changing market conditions and 46 regulations.

47 (f) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further 48 that in accomplishing this purpose, the West Virginia trust 49 fund, created and established by section four of this 50 article, is acting in all respects for the benefit of the state's 51 public employees and ultimately the citizens of the state, 52 and the West Virginia trust fund is empowered by this 53 article to act as trustee for the irrevocable trust created by 54 this article, and the interests of citizens of the state shall be 55 best met by carrying out the provisions of this trust.

56 (g) The Legislature hereby finds and declares further 57 that the standard of care and prudence applied to trustees 58 and the conduct of the affairs of the irrevocable trust 59 created by this article is intended to be that applied to the 60 administration of private pension plans as described in 61 federal statutory law and by the common law of the 62 United States.

§44-6B-3. Definitions.

1 As used in this article unless a different meaning 2 clearly appears from the context:

3 (a) "Beneficiaries" means those individuals entitled to
4 benefits from the consolidated pension plan;

5 (b) "Board" means the governing body for the West 6 Virginia trust fund;

7 (c) "Consolidated pension plan" means the public employees retirement system established in article ten, 8 9 chapter five of this code, the teachers retirement system established in article seven-a, chapter eighteen of this code. 10 the West Virginia state police retirement system established 11 12 in article two-a, chapter fifteen of this code, the death, disability and retirement fund of the department of public 13 14 safety established in article two, chapter fifteen of this 15 code, the judges' retirement system established in article 16 nine, chapter fifty-one of this code, the workers' compensation fund established in article three, chapter 17 twenty-three and the coal-workers' pneumoconiosis plan 18 19 established in article four-b, chapter twenty-three of this 20 code:

(d) "Participant plan" means any component system,
plan or fund of the consolidated pension plan within the
definition set forth in subdivision (c) of this section;

(e) "Political subdivision" means and includes a
county, municipality or any agency, authority, board,
county board of education, commission or instrumentality
of a county or municipality and regional councils created
pursuant to the provisions of section five, article
twenty-five, chapter eight of this code;

30 (f) "State" means the state of West Virginia;

31 (g) "Trust fund" means the West Virginia trust fund;32 and

(h) "Trustee" means any member serving on the West
Virginia trust fund board: *Provided*, That in section ten of
this article wherein the terms of the trust indenture are set
forth, "trustee" means the West Virginia trust fund.

#### §44-6B-4. West Virginia trust fund created; body corporate; board created; trustees; nomination and ap-

pointment of trustees, qualifications and terms of appointment, advice and consent; annual and other meetings; designation of representatives and committees; board meetings with committees regarding investment policy statement required; open meetings, qualifications.

1 (a) There is hereby created the West Virginia trust 2 fund. The fund is created as a public body corporate and 3 established to provide prudent fiscal administration, 4 investment and management for the pension funds and 5 workers' compensation and pneumoconiosis funds formerly invested by this state. The corporation shall be 6 7 organized as a nonprofit, nonstock corporation under the 8 general corporation laws of the state.

9 (b) The trust fund shall be governed by a board of 10 trustees, consisting of seven members:

11 (1) Four members shall be appointed by the governor 12 from a list of twelve persons having experience in pension 13 management, institutional management or financial 14 markets. The list of twelve shall consist of four groups of 15 three nominations, and no more than two of the three 16 nominations in each group may be from the same political party. The president of the Senate, speaker of the House 17 18 of Delegates, state auditor and state treasurer each shall 19 submit one group of three nominations to the governor, 20 who shall appoint one member from each group of three, 21 which appointments shall be subject to the advice and 2.2 consent of the Senate.

23 (2) The remaining three members shall be appointed 24 from the general public by the governor, which 25 appointments shall be subject to the advice and consent of 26 Of the members of the general public the Senate. 27 appointed by the governor, one shall be an attorney 28 experienced in finance and investment matters, one shall 29 be a certified public accountant and one shall be 30 experienced in pension management, institutional 31 management or financial markets.

32 (3) The governor shall make appointments to the trust 33 fund board within sixty days of the effective date of this act. Nominations for the appointments shall be submittedto the governor within thirty days of the effective date ofthis act.

(4) Any appointment made by the governor subject
to the advice and consent of the Senate is effective
immediately upon appointment by the governor with
respect to voting, constituting a quorum, receiving
compensation and expenses, and all other rights and
privileges of the trustee position.

43 (c) Two members shall serve for a term of three years, 44 two members for a term of four years and three members 45 for a term of five years respectively as the governor shall 46 designate. Thereafter, at the end of each term, the governor may reappoint or appoint a successor following 47 the same procedure as specified in subsection (b) of this 48 section, who shall serve for five-year terms. No more than 49 four of the trustees may belong to the same political party. 50

51 (d) In the event of a vacancy among the trustees, an 52 appointment shall be made by the governor to fill the 53 unexpired term. The governor shall fill the vacancy, by 54 appointment from a new list of nominees, following the 55 same procedure established in subsection (b) of this 56 section.

57 (e) The governor may remove any trustee in case of 58 gross negligence or misfeasance and may declare that 59 position vacant and may appoint a person for the vacancy 60 as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

61 (f) Each trustee shall be entitled to receive, and, at the Trustee's option, the board shall pay to the Trustee, 62 63 compensation in the amount of five thousand dollars per 64 vear and additional compensation in the amount of five 65 hundred dollars per meeting attended by the trustee in 66 excess of the four quarterly meetings required by this 67 section. In addition, trustees shall receive reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in discharging 68 69 trustee duties pursuant to this article.

70 (g) The board shall meet quarterly and may include in 71 its bylaws procedures for the calling and holding of

72 additional meetings. For any quarterly or additional 73 meeting in which the board shall review or modify its 74 securities list or its investment objectives pursuant to 75 subsection (f), section twelve of this article, the board shall 76 give ten days' notice in writing to the designated 77 representative of each participant plan selected pursuant to 78 subdivision (1), subsection (j) of this section, and the meeting shall be open to the members and beneficiaries of 79 the participant plans for that portion of the meeting in 80 81 which the board undertakes the review or modification.

82 (h) The West Virginia trust fund board shall meet
83 prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
84 ninety-six, to organize and structure its operations.

85 (i) The board shall hold an annual meeting within 86 forty-five days after the issuance of the year-end financial 87 report. The annual meeting may also serve as a quarterly meeting. The annual meeting shall be open to the public, 88 89 and the board shall receive oral and written comments from representatives, members and beneficiaries of the 90 91 participant plans and from other citizens of the state. At 92 the annual meeting, the board shall adopt a fee schedule 93 and a budget reflecting fee structures for the year.

94 (j) Pursuant to subsection (k) of this section, the 95 board shall meet with committees representing the 96 participant plans to discuss the board's drafting, reviewing 97 or modifying the written investment policy of the trust 98 with respect to that committee's participant plan pursuant 99 to section twelve of this article. Representatives and 100 committees shall be designated as follows:

101 (1) On or before the first day of May, one thousand nine hundred ninety-six, the West Virginia consolidated 102 public retirement board shall promulgate procedural rules 103 104 by which each pension system named in paragraphs one 105 through five, subdivision (c), section ten of this article, 106 shall designate an individual representative of each said 107 pension system, and the West Virginia workers' 108 compensation commission shall promulgate procedural 109 rules by which the pneumoconiosis fund and the workers' 110 compensation fund named in paragraphs six and seven, subdivision (c), section ten of this article, shall designate 111

112 an individual representative of each said fund.

(2) On or before the first day of June, one thousand
nine hundred ninety-six, and on or before the same date
each year thereafter, the consolidated public retirement
board shall submit in writing to the West Virginia trust
fund board the names of the five designated representatives, and the workers' compensation commission
shall so submit the names of the two representatives.

(3) Each designated representative shall provide to the
West Virginia trust fund board his or her current address,
updated each year on or before the first day of July, to
which address the board shall provide notice of meetings
of the board pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

(4) Each designated representative shall submit in
writing to the board on or before the first day of July, one
thousand nine hundred ninety-six, and on or before the
same date each year thereafter, the names of no more than
three persons comprising a committee representing the
beneficiaries of that representative's participant plan.

131 (k) At its initial meeting, and thereafter at its annual meeting, the board shall meet with each of the seven 132 133 committees, formed pursuant to subsection (j) of this 134 section, for the purpose of receiving input from the 135 committees regarding the board's drafting, reviewing or 136 modifying its written investment policy statement for the 137 trust. In developing the trust investment policy statement, 138 the trustees shall receive each committee's stated objectives 139 and policies regarding the risk tolerances and return 140 expectations of each participant plan, with attention to the 141 factors enumerated in subsection (g), section twelve of this 142 article, in order to provide for the continuing financial 143 security of the trust and its participant plans. The board 144 may meet with the said committees or any of them at its 145 quarterly and additional meetings for the same purpose.

(1) All meetings of the board shall be open to the
representatives of the participant plans as appointed
pursuant to subsection (j) of this section. The
representatives shall be subject to any rules, bylaws,
guidelines, requirements, and standards promulgated by

151 the board. The representatives shall observe standards of 152 decorum established by the board. The representatives 153 shall be subject to the same code of conduct applicable to 154 the trustees and shall be subject to all trust fund rules and 155 bylaws. The representatives shall also be subject to any 156 requirements of confidentiality applicable to the trustees. 157 Each representative shall be liable for any act which he or 158 she undertakes which violates any rule, bylaw, or statute 159 governing ethical standards, confidentiality, or other 160 standard of conduct imposed upon the trustees or the 161 representatives. Any meeting of the board may be closed, 162 upon adoption of a motion by any trustee, when necessary 163 to preserve the attorney-client privilege, to protect the 164 privacy interests of individuals, to review personnel 165 matters, or to maintain confidentiality when confidentiality 166 is in the best interest of the beneficiaries of the trust.

#### §44-6B-5. Management and control of fund; officers; staff; fiduciary or surety bonds for trustees; liability of trustees.

1 (a) The management and control of the fund shall be 2 vested solely in the board of trustees in accordance with 3 the provisions of this article.

4 (b) The board of trustees shall elect a chairman to 5 serve for a term of two years. The election shall be held at the board's first meeting after the effective date of this 6 7 article. Effective with any vacancy in the chairmanship, 8 the board shall elect a chairman to a new two-year term. 9 Annually, beginning with the first meeting, the trustees 10 shall elect a secretary, who need not be a member of the 11 board, to keep a record of the proceedings of the board.

12 (c) The trustees shall appoint a chief executive officer 13 of the trust fund and shall fix his or her duties and 14 compensation. The chief executive officer shall have five 15 years' experience in investment management with public or private funds within the ten years next preceding the 16 17 date of appointment. The chief executive officer 18 additionally shall have academic degrees, professional 19 designations and other investment management or 20 investment oversight or institutional investment experience 21 in such combination as the trustees consider necessary to carry out the responsibilities of the chief executive officerposition as defined by the trustees.

(d) The trustees shall retain an internal auditor to
report directly to the trustees and shall fix his or her
compensation. The internal auditor shall be a certified
public accountant with at least three years' experience as
an auditor. The internal auditor shall develop an internal
audit plan, with board approval, for the testing of
procedures and the security of transactions.

31 (e) Each trustee shall give a separate fiduciary or 32 surety bond from a surety company qualified to do business within this state in a penalty amount of one 33 34 million dollars for the faithful performance of his or her 35 duties as a trustee of the fund. The board shall purchase a 36 blanket bond for the faithful performance of its duties, in 37 the amount of fifty million dollars or in an amount 38 equivalent to one percent of the assets under management. 39 whichever is greater. The amount of the blanket bond 40 shall be in addition to the one million dollar individual 41 bond required of each trustee by the provisions of this 42 section. The board may require a fiduciary or surety 43 bond from a surety company qualified to do business in 44 this state for any person who has charge of, or access to, 45 any securities, funds or other moneys held by the board, 46 and the amount of the fiduciary or surety bond shall be 47 fixed by the board. The premiums payable on all 48 fiduciary or surety bonds shall be an expense of the 49 board.

50 (f) The trustees and employees of the West Virginia 51 trust fund are not liable personally, either jointly or 52 severally, for any debt or obligation created by the West 53 Virginia trust fund: *Provided*, That the trustees and 54 employees of the West Virginia trust fund are liable for 55 acts of misfeasance or gross negligence.

#### §44-6B-6. Corporate powers.

1 The fund may exercise all powers necessary or 2 appropriate to carry out and effectuate its corporate 3 purposes. The fund may:

4 (1) Adopt and use a common seal and alter the same 5 at pleasure;

6 (2) Sue;

7 (3) Enter into contracts and execute and deliver 8 instruments;

9 (4) Acquire (by purchase, gift or otherwise), hold, use 10 and dispose of real and personal property, deeds, 11 mortgages and other instruments;

12 (5) Promulgate and enforce bylaws and rules for themanagement and conduct of its affairs;

14 (6) Retain and employ legal, accounting, financial and15 investment advisors, managers and consultants;

16 (7) Acquire (by purchase, gift or otherwise), hold,
17 exchange, pledge, lend and sell or otherwise dispose of
18 securities and invest funds;

19 (8) Maintain accounts with banks, securities dealers20 and financial institutions both within and outside this state;

(9) Consolidate and manage moneys, securities and
other assets of the pension plans and other funds and
accounts of the state and the moneys of political
subdivisions which may be made available to it under the
provisions of this article;

26 (10) Enter into agreements with political subdivisions
27 of the state whereby moneys of the political subdivisions
28 are invested on their behalf by the fund;

(11) Charge and collect administrative investment andmanagement fees for its services;

31 (12) Exercise all powers generally granted to and
32 exercised by the holders of investment securities with
33 respect to management of the securities;

34 (13) Make, and from time to time, amend and repeal
35 bylaws, regulations and procedures not inconsistent with
36 the provisions of this article;

37 (14) Hire its own employees, consultants, managers

and advisors as it considers necessary, and fix theircompensation and prescribe their duties;

40 (15) Develop, implement and maintain its own 41 banking accounts, investments and employee benefit 42 plans;

43 (16) Borrow or open lines of credit; and

44 (17) Do all things necessary to implement and operate45 the trust fund and carry out the intent of this article.

#### §44-6B-7. Annual audits; reports and information to constitutional and legislative officers, council of finance and administration, consolidated public retirement board, workers' compensation fund, and coal-workers' pneumoconiosis fund; statements and reports open for inspection.

1 (a) The trust fund shall cause an annual financial and 2 compliance audit to be made by a certified public 3 accounting firm having a minimum staff of ten certified 4 public accountants and being a member of the American 5 institute of certified public accountants, and, if doing 6 business in West Virginia, being a member of the West 7 Virginia society of certified public accountants. The 8 financial and compliance audit shall be made of the trust 9 fund's books, accounts and records, with respect to its 10 receipts, disbursements, investments, contracts and all other 11 matters relating to its financial operations. Copies of the 12 audit report shall be furnished to the governor, state 13 treasurer, state auditor, president of the Senate, speaker of 14 the House of Delegates, council of finance and 15 administration and consolidated public retirement board.

16 (b) The trust fund shall produce monthly financial 17 statements and deliver them to each member of the board 18 and the executive secretary of the consolidated public 19 retirement board as established in sections one and two, 20 article ten-d, chapter five of this code and to the 21 commissioner of the bureau of employment programs as 22 administrator of the workers' compensation fund and 23 coal-workers' pneumoconiosis fund, as established in 24 section one, article one, and section one, article three, and

section seven, article four-b, chapter twenty-three of thiscode.

(c) The trust fund shall deliver in each quarter to the
council of finance and administration and the consolidated public retirement board a report detailing the
investment performance of the retirement plans.

(d) The trust fund shall cause an annual performance
audit to be made by a nationally recognized fiduciary
service. The trust fund shall furnish copies of the audit
report to the governor, state treasurer, state auditor,
president of the Senate, speaker of the House of Delegates,
council of finance and administration and consolidated
public retirement board.

(e) The trust fund shall provide any other information
requested in writing by the council of finance and
administration.

(f) All statements and reports required in this section
shall be available for inspection by the members and
beneficiaries and designated representatives of the
participant plans.

#### §44-6B-8. Fees for service.

1 The trust fund shall charge fees, as adopted at the 2 annual meeting, for the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the trust fund in rendering services to the 3 4 participant plans. The fees shall be subtracted from the 5 total return of the trust fund, and the net return shall be credited to the participant plans. All fees which are 6 dedicated or identified or readily identifiable to an 7 8 individual participant plan shall be charged against that plan, and all other fees shall be charged as a percentage of 9 assets under management. At its annual meeting, the 10 board shall adopt a fee schedule and a budget reflecting 11 fee structures. 12

#### §44-6B-9. Transfers to the trust.

- 1 (a) The West Virginia state board of investments shall
- 2 transfer to the West Virginia trust fund the computers, and
- 3 other necessary items of equipment associated with each

4 position at the board of investments whose responsibilities
5 and obligations shall as of the effective date of this section
6 be performed by the West Virginia trust fund.

7 (b) Any state employee who terminates his or her state 8 employment and becomes employed by the West Virginia 9 trust fund may at his or her option defer retirement within 10 the public employees retirement system pursuant to 11 section twenty-one, article ten, chapter five of this code, or, 12 may elect to transfer to the West Virginia trust fund his or 13 her employee contributions, with accrued interest, and, if 14 vested, his or her employer contributions, with accrued 15 interest. The West Virginia consolidated public retirement 16 board shall transfer to the West Virginia trust fund the said 17 contributions and accrued interest of terminating employees who so elect. The trust fund shall establish a 18 19 private, nonstate retirement plan for the West Virginia trust 20 fund employees, and the said transferred employee and 21 employer contributions and interest shall be deposited to 22 the private retirement plan.

(c) Upon the effective date of this article, no more
than seven hundred thousand dollars of those funds
remaining in the special revenue accounts known as the
"loss legal expense fund" and the "security lending fund"
and further known as WVFIMS accounts 8563 and 8565
shall be transferred to the West Virginia trust fund board
for its use in the beginning operations of the trust fund.

#### §44-6B-10. Trust indenture.

1 The governor, on behalf of the state, shall enter into a 2 trust indenture with the West Virginia trust fund as trustee, 3 effective on the first day of July, one thousand nine 4 hundred ninety-six. The trust indenture shall contain the 5 following provisions:

6 (a) Simultaneously with the execution of the trust 7 indenture, the state shall have delivered to the trustee all 8 the assets of the consolidated pension fund with any other 9 property that may be transferred hereafter to the trustee 10 by the state, or by any other person or entity, which shall 11 be used as provided in the trust indenture and which 12 constitutes the trust estate. The trustee shall acknowledge

receipt of the assets and agree to hold the assets, and any 13 other property that later may be added to the trust, and to 14 perform the duties of trustee, according to the terms and 15 conditions set forth in this trust indenture and in the 16 provisions of the "West Virginia Trust Fund Act." 17 18 (b) The Legislature hereby reserves the following rights and powers: 19 20 (1) The right by supplemental agreement to amend, modify or alter the terms of this trust without consent of 21 22 the trustee, or any beneficiary; and 23 (2) The right to request and receive additional 24 information from the trustee at any time. 2.5 (c) The state directs the trustee to establish a trust for the participant plans specified by the state with the 26 27 earnings and losses accounted for and charged 28 individually to each participant plan, including, but not 29 limited to, the following: 30 (1) The public employees retirement system; 31 (2) The teachers retirement system; 32 (3) The West Virginia state police retirement system; 33 (4) The death, disability and retirement fund of the 34 department of public safety; 35 (5) The judges' retirement system; 36 (6) The pneumoconiosis fund; and 37 (7) The workers' compensation fund. 38 (d) In the administration of the trust created by the 39 trust indenture, the trustee has the following powers: 40 (1) To purchase, retain, hold, transfer and exchange, 41 and to sell, at public or private sale, the whole or any part 42 of the trust estate upon such terms and conditions as it 43 considers advisable: 44 (2) To invest and reinvest the trust estate or any part

45 thereof, in any kind of property, real or personal, 46 including, but not limited to, mortgage or mortgage 47 participations, common stocks, preferred stocks, common
48 trust funds, bonds, notes or other securities, not49 withstanding the provisions of articles five and six of the
50 code of West Virginia, one thousand, nine hundred and
51 thirty-one, as amended;

52 (3) To carry the securities and other property held 53 under the trust indenture either in the name of the trustee 54 or in the name of its nominee;

55 (4) To vote, in person or by proxy, all securities held 56 under the trust indenture, to join in or to dissent from and 57 oppose the reorganization, recapitalization, consolidation, 58 merger, liquidation or sale of corporations or property; to 59 exchange securities for other securities issued in 60 connection with or resulting from any transaction; to pay 61 any assessment or expense which the trustee considers 62 advisable for the protection of its interest as holder of any 63 such securities; to deposit securities in any voting trust or 64 with any protective or like committee, or with a trustee 65 depository; to exercise any option appurtenant to any 66 securities for the conversion of any securities into other 67 securities; and to exercise or sell any rights issued upon or 68 with respect to the securities of any corporation, all upon 69 terms the trustee considers advisable:

(5) To prosecute, defend, compromise, arbitrate or
otherwise adjust or settle claims in favor of or against the
trustee or other trust estate;

(6) To employ and pay from the trust estate legal and
investment counsel, brokers and such other assistants and
agents as the trustee considers advisable; and

76 (7) To develop, implement and modify an asset
77 allocation plan for each participant plan. The asset
78 allocation plans shall be implemented within the
79 management and investment of the trust fund.

(e) All trust income shall be free from anticipation,
alienation, assignment or pledge by, and free from
attachment, execution, appropriation or control by or on
behalf of, any and all creditors of any beneficiary by any
proceeding at law, in equity, in bankruptcy or insolvency.

85 (f) The trustee may receive any other property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, of any kind whatsoever, 86 87 that may be granted, conveyed, assigned, transferred, 88 devised, bequeathed or made payable to it by the state, or 89 by any other person or entity, for the purposes of the trust 90 created by the trust indenture, and all such properties shall 91 be held, managed, invested and administered by the trustee 92 as provided in the trust indenture and in the "West Virginia 93 Trust Fund Act."

(g) The trustee shall promptly cause to be paid to the
state the amounts certified by the governor as necessary
for the monthly payment of benefits to the beneficiaries
of the trust.

98 (h) The trustees shall render an annual accounting to
99 the state not more than one hundred twenty days
100 following the close of the fiscal year of the trust.

(i) The trust created by this indenture is not invalid by
reason of any existing law or rule against perpetuities or
against accumulations or against restraints upon the power
of alienation, but the trust may continue for such time as
necessary to accomplish the purposes for which it is
established.

(j) If any provision of the trust indenture is void,
invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions are
nevertheless valid and shall be carried into effect.

#### §44-6B-11. Standard of care.

1 Any investments made under this article shall be made 2 with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the 3 circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting 4 in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use 5 in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with 6 like aims.

7 (a) Trustees shall discharge their duties for the 8 exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants and 9 their beneficiaries;

10 (b) Trustees shall diversify fund investments so as to 11 minimize the risk of large losses unless, under the 12 circumstances, it is clearly prudent not to do so;

13 (c) Trustees shall defray reasonable expenses of 14 investing and operating the fund; and

(d) Trustees shall discharge their duties in accordance
with the documents and instruments governing the plan
insofar as such documents and instruments are consistent
with the provisions of this article.

#### §44-6B-12. Limitations on investments.

1 The trust fund shall limit its asset allocation and types 2 of securities to the following:

3 (a) Through the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven, the trust fund shall hold in equity 4 investments no more than twenty percent of its total 5 portfolio and no more than twenty percent of the assets of 6 7 any individual participant plan; after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven, and through 8 the first day of July, two thousand, the trust fund shall 9 hold in equity investments no more than forty percent of 10 11 its total portfolio and no more than forty percent of the assets of any individual participant plan; after the first day 12 of July, two thousand, the trust fund shall hold in equity 13 investments no more than sixty percent of its total 14 15 portfolio and no more than sixty percent of the assets of 16 any individual participant plan.

(b) The trust fund shall hold in international securities
no more than twenty percent of its portfolio and no more
than twenty percent of the assets of any individual
participant plan.

(c) The trust fund may not at the time of purchase
hold more than five percent of its equity portfolio in the
equity securities of any single company or association: *Provided*, That if a company or association has a market
weighting of greater than five percent in the standard &
poor's 500 index of companies, the trust fund may hold
securities of that equity equal to its market weighting.

28 (d) The trust fund may not hold more than twenty 29 percent of its portfolio in commercial paper. Any

30 commercial paper at the time of its acquisition shall be in
31 one of the two highest rating categories by an agency
32 nationally known for rating commercial paper.

(e) At no time shall the trust fund hold more than
seventy-five percent of its portfolio in corporate debt.
Any corporate debt security at the time of its acquisition
shall be rated in one of the four highest rating categories
by a nationally recognized rating agency.

(f) No security may be purchased by the trust fund
unless the type of security is on a list approved by the trust
fund board. The board may modify the securities list at
any time, and must give notice of that action pursuant to
subsection (g), section four of this article, and must review
the said list at its annual meeting.

(g) The board, at the annual meeting provided for in
subsection (i), section four of this article, shall review,
establish and modify, if necessary, the investment
objectives of the individual participant plans, as
incorporated in the investment policy statement of the
trust, so as to provide for the financial security of the trust
fund, giving consideration to the following:

- 51 (1) Preservation of capital;
- 52 (2) Diversification;
- 53 (3) Risk tolerance;
- 54 (4) Rate of return;
- 55 (5) Stability;
- 56 (6) Turnover;
- 57 (7) Liquidity; and
- 58 (8) Reasonable cost of fees.

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