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HOUSE BILL No. 2049

(By Delegate ______________________ Mezzatesta ______________________)

Passed ______________________ April 12, 1997

In Effect ______________________ July 1, 1997

Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article four, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend and reenact section five, article eleven of said chapter, all relating to higher education; eliminating the single vice chancellor for instructional technology and having these duties performed by the chancellor of the university of West Virginia board of trustees and the chancellor of the board of directors of the state college system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article four, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that section five, article eleven of said chapter be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

§18B-4-1. Officers of governing boards; employment of chancellors and senior administrator; offices.

1 (a) At its annual meeting in June of each year, each
governing board shall elect from its members appointed by the governor a president and other officers as it may consider necessary or desirable. Provided, That the initial annual meeting shall be held during July, one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine. The president and other officers shall be elected for a one-year term commencing on the first day of July following the annual meeting and ending on the thirtieth day of June of the following year. The president of the board shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

(b) Each governing board shall employ a chancellor who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the employing board and shall assist the governing board in the performance of its duties and responsibilities. No chancellor may hold or retain any other administrative position within the system of higher education while employed as chancellor. Each chancellor is responsible for carrying out the directives of the governing board by which he or she is employed and shall work with the board in developing policy options. For the purpose of developing or evaluating policy options, the chancellors may request the assistance of the presidents and other administrative heads of the institutions under their jurisdiction and their staffs. The respective chancellors shall jointly agree to and shall hire one senior administrator who shall serve at their will and pleasure in accordance with section two of this article.

(c) The vice chancellor for health sciences shall coordinate the West Virginia university school of medicine, the Marshall university school of medicine and the West Virginia school of osteopathic medicine.

(d) Suitable offices for the senior administrator and other staff shall be provided in Charleston.

(e) The chancellor of the university of West Virginia board of trustees and the chancellor of the board of directors of the state college system shall establish a plan and funding recommendations for development and implementation of a multifaceted instructional technology strategy that includes, but is not limited to, a goal that every full-time freshman student beginning in the fall
semester, one thousand nine hundred ninety-six, and
thereafter, and as many other students and faculty as
possible will own or lease a computer, and alternatively
that computers be available for part-time students through
on-site labs; the integration of computer usage into all
course work; the involvement of faculty in the
development and use of technology-based instruction and
instructional courseware for community and technical
colleges, colleges and universities; and the expansion of
distance learning and technology networks throughout the
higher education systems to enhance teaching and
learning, promote access to quality educational offerings
with minimum duplication of effort, increase the delivery
of instruction to nontraditional students, provide services
to business and industry, and increase the management
capabilities of the higher education system. The
chancellors shall submit the plan to the Legislature on or
before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
ninety-seven.

The chancellor of the university of West Virginia
board of trustees and the chancellor of the board of
directors of the state college system shall supervise the
administration, oversight, coordination and implementa-
tion of the plan, or portions of the plan, subject to the
availability of funds and the direction of the governing
boards. In addition, the chancellors shall review all
technology related matters within the department of
education and the arts and suggest appropriate integration
and compatibility of the technology systems within the
department and the institutions governed by the board.

(f) The governing boards shall jointly employ a vice
chancellor for community and technical education
pursuant to the provisions of section three-a, article three
of this chapter.

ARTICLE 11. MISCELLANEOUS INSTITUTES AND CENTERS.

§18B-11-5. Institute for instructional technology.

The governing boards are hereby authorized to
create an institute for instructional technology which shall
be located within the higher education central office. The
governing boards are hereby authorized to enter into research agreements pursuant to article twelve of this chapter with respect to the institute for instructional technology. The chancellor of the university of West Virginia board of trustees and the chancellor of the board of directors of the state college system shall perform functions, tasks and duties as may be prescribed by law and shall share resources with the higher education central office, the state institutions of higher education and other agencies to the extent practical to avoid unnecessary duplication of staff and other administrative efforts.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Nick Fantasici
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1997.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within was approved this the 8th day of April, 1997.

Governor