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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four-b, article two-a, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to scholarships for training division of highways personnel; providing for other training programs; increasing the number of scholarships and amounts that may be awarded; eliminating the state treasurer from the process; and changing the credit received for service time with the division of highways.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four-b, article two-a, chapter seventeen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2A. WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

§17-2A-4b. Scholarships for training highway personnel; other training programs; notes for money advanced; payment or cancellation of notes.

- 1 The Legislature hereby declares that there is a wide and
- 2 continuing need for trained personnel in the division of high-
- 3 ways of this state and that the scholarships herein provided will
- 4 aid the division of highways in attracting and holding compe-
- 5 tent employees.

6 The commissioner of highways is empowered to enter into 7 contracts for training pr ograms with state colleges, universities 8 and other training sources and to award scholarships to compe-9 tent persons, whether presently employed by the division of 10 highways or not, for the purpose of enabling and encouraging 11 such persons to attend a college or university to pursue the 12 course of study as may be approved by the commissioner of 13 highways, but the number of persons holding such scholarships 14 at any one time shall not exceed fifteen. Each scholarship shall 15 carry a stipend in an amount fixed by the commissioner of 16 highways not in excess of twelve thousand dollars in the 17 aggregate. The necessary expenditures for the scholarships shall 18 be made from the funds available to the division of highways. 19 The recipient of a scholarship shall execute notes and shall 20 deliver said notes to the commissioner of highways. Each note 21 shall be in the amount of the sum received from the state road 22 fund and shall be payable on demand to the division of high-23 ways. The commissioner of highways shall hold said notes and 24 if, for any reason, except death or physical or mental disability, 25 or being drafted into the armed services, the recipient of a 26 scholarship fails successfully to complete the course of study 27 for which the scholarship was granted or if after the completion 28 of the prescribed course of study does not continue or become 29 an employee of the division of highways, or ceases to be an 30 employee before all the notes have been paid or canceled, the 31 commissioner of highways shall make demand for payment of 32 all of the unpaid and uncancelled notes and shall promptly 33 enforce collection thereon and shall deposit the sums so 34 collected thereon in the state road fund. The commissioner of 35 highways is authorized to credit the oldest outstanding notes in 36 the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars every six months 37 that the recipient of the scholarship is employed by the division 38 of highways after completing the course of study for which the 39 scholarship was granted. The commissioner of highways shall 40 have the power and authority to make all necessary rules to 41 carry this section into effect.

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

Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee Originating in the House. Takes effect ninety days from passage. Clerk of the Senate the House of Delegates Speaker of the House of Delegates this the __ The within _ day of

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