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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
House Bill No. 2697

(By Delegates Pino, Doyle and Michael)

Passed March 12, 1999

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend article ten, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven-a, relating to establishing programs at state institutions of higher education allowing residents who are at least sixty-five years old to audit, or take for credit, classes at reduced rates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article ten, chapter eighteen-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section seven-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 10. FEES AND OTHER MONEYS COLLECTED AT STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

§18B-10-7a. Tuition and fee waivers or adjustments for residents at least sixty-five years old.

1 The board of trustees and the board of directors shall
2 promulgate a joint rule in accordance with article three-a,
chapter twenty-nine-a of this code that establishes a reduced
tuition and fee program for senior citizens. The joint rule shall
include at least the following:

(a) The program shall include one option for those who
attend undergraduate and graduate courses without receiving
credit and one option for individuals who attend undergraduate
and graduate courses for credit;

(b) A participant under either option of the program shall
meet the following requirements:

(1) The participant is a resident of West Virginia;
(2) The participant is sixty-five years of age or older;
(3) Classroom space is available; and
(4) The instructor of the class consents;

(c) A method of establishing priority for allowing a
participant to attend a class or course;

(d) A determination of whether to require participants to
pay special fees, including laboratory fees, if the fees are
required of all other students;

(e) A determination of whether to require participants to
pay for parking;

(f) For participants in the program under the no credit
option:

(1) A grade or credit may not be given; and
(2) The total tuition and fees charged for each course or
class, excluding laboratory and parking fees, may not exceed
fifty dollars; Provided, That after the first day of July, two
thousand four, the governing boards may by joint rule change
the maximum fee; and

(g) For participants in the program under the for credit
option, tuition and fee rates may not exceed fifty percent of the
normal rates charged to state residents by the institution.
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

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the ___th day of ___

Governor