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House Bill No. 3006

(By Delegates Douglas, Collins, Varner, Stalnaker, Willison, Marshall and Angotti)

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AN ACT to amend article one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated section two-a, relating to requiring the auditor to provide orientation sessions; requiring attendance of certain members of newly created state boards or commissions; reimbursement of expenses; reports by auditor; and authorizing charging of registration fees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.

## §30-1-2a. Required orientation session.

- 1 (a) After the first day of April and not later than the thirty-
- 2 first day of July of each year, the auditor shall provide at least
- 3 one orientation session on relevant state law and rules govern-
- 4 ing state boards and commissions. All state agencies shall

- 5 cooperate with and assist in providing the orientation session if 6 the auditor requests.
- (b) After the effective date of this section, all chairs or chief financial officers of state boards and commissions newly created by the Legislature shall attend an orientation session designed to inform the state boards and commissions of the duties and requirements imposed on state boards and commis-sions by state law and rules. The chair or chief financial officer of the newly created board or commission shall attend an orientation session at the earliest possible date following the creation of the board or commission.
  - (c) Topics for the orientation session may include, but are not limited to: the official conduct of members, state budgeting and financial procedures, purchasing requirements, open meetings requirements, ethics, rule-making procedures, records management, annual reports and any other topics the auditor determines to be essential in the fulfillment of the duties of the members of state boards and commissions.
  - (d) The orientation session shall be open to any member of new or existing boards and commissions and each board or commission may approve expense reimbursement for the attendance of one or more of its members. The chair of chief financial officer of each existing board or commission shall attend an orientation session within two years following the effective date of this section.
  - (e) No later than the tenth day of August of each year, the auditor shall provide to the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Government Operations a list of the names of board or commission members attending, together with the names of the boards and commissions represented, the orientation session or sessions offered by the auditor since the previous April first.
  - (f) The auditor may charge a registration fee for the orientation session to cover the cost of providing the orientation session. The fee may be paid from funds available to a board or commission.
- 40 (g) Notwithstanding the member's normal rate of compen-41 sation for serving on a board, a member attending the orienta-

tion session may be reimbursed for necessary and actual expenses, as long as the member attends the complete orientation session.

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48 49 (h) Ex officio members who are elected or appointed state officers or employees, and members of boards or commissions that have purely advisory functions with respect to a department or agency of the state, are exempt from the requirements of this section.

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

Chairman Senate Committee Chairnan House Committee Originating in the House. Takes effect ninety days from passage. Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of Delegates nt of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates this the \_ The within \_ , 1999. day of

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