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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,

3 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code that establishes a reduced
4 tuition and fee program for senior citizens. The joint rule shall
5 include at least the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 25 (1) A grade or credit may not be given; and

26 (2) The total tuition and fees charged for each course or
27 class, excluding laboratory and parking fees, may not exceed
28 fifty dollars: *Provided*, That after the first day of July, two
29 thousand four, the governing boards may by joint rule change
30 the maximum fee; and

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

3 [Enr. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2697

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

Ken H. Schromer
Chairman Senate Committee

Joe F. Smith
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 24th
day of March, 1990

Edgar D. Edwards
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

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