

FILED

2001 SEP 21 P 2:52

OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

FIFTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, 2001



ENROLLED

House Bill No. 506

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kiss, and Delegate Trump)
[By Request of the Executive]



Passed September 13, 2001

In Effect from Passage

FILED

2001 SEP 21 P 2: 52

OFFICE WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

ENROLLED

H. B. 506

(BY MR. SPEAKER, MR. KISS, AND DELEGATE TRUMP)

[By Request of the Executive]

[Passed September 13, 2001; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article three, chapter five-b of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the joint commission on economic development; increasing the membership of the commission; and requiring that one member appointed from each house represent health.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

**ARTICLE 3. WEST VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:
A VISION SHARED.**

§5B-3-2. Creation of the joint commission on economic development.

- 1 (a) The joint commission on economic development is
- 2 hereby established. The commission shall be composed of
- 3 not more than twenty-four members as follows:

4 (1) The chairs of the Senate and House of Delegates
5 finance committees;

6 (2) The chairs of the Senate and House of Delegates
7 judiciary committees;

8 (3) The chairs of the Senate and House of Delegates
9 education committees;

10 (4) Not more than nine additional members of the
11 Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, with at
12 least one member representing health; and

13 (5) Not more than nine additional members of the
14 House of Delegates appointed by the speaker of the House
15 of Delegates, with at least one member representing health.

16 (b) Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the
17 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the
18 original appointment for the position being vacated. The
19 vacancy shall not affect the power of the remaining mem-
20 bers to perform the duties of the commission.

21 (c) The commission may explore how West Virginia
22 can:

23 (1) Invest in systems that build workforce skills and
24 promote lifelong learning to ensure a competitive
25 workforce;

26 (2) Enhance the infrastructure, communications and
27 transportation needed to support the knowledge-based
28 industries and electronic commerce;

29 (3) Reorganize government to deliver services more
30 efficiently, using technology, privatization and partnerships
31 with the private sector;

32 (4) Align state tax systems to meet the demands of the
33 twenty-first century economy;

34 (5) Develop more uniform regulatory and tax systems
35 to reduce complexity, eliminate market distortions and
36 better protect consumers;

37 (6) Support entrepreneurs by streamlining business
38 regulations, providing timely decisions and assisting firms
39 in their search for venture capital;

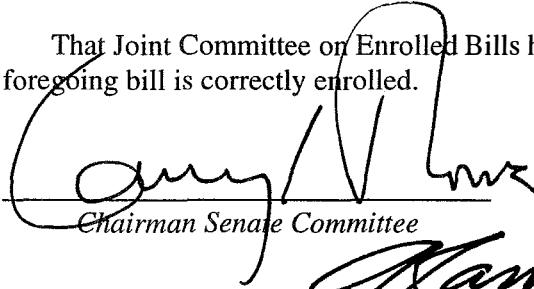
40 (7) Promote university policies that encourage research
41 and development and build intellectual infrastructure;

42 (8) Address quality-of-life concerns to attract new
43 businesses and workers; and

44 (9) Accomplish the goals set forth in this article and
45 any other goal related to economic development or
46 workforce investment that the commission considers
47 important.

48 (d) The commission may propose legislation necessary
49 to accomplish its goals.

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



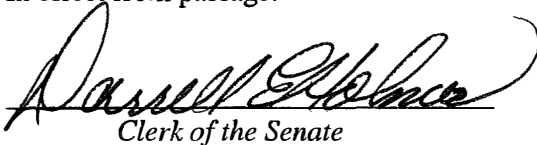
Chairman Senate Committee



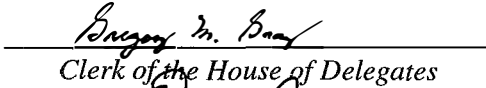
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

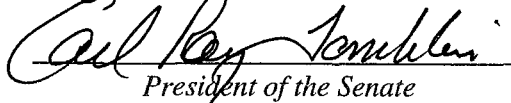
In effect from passage.



Clerk of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Delegates

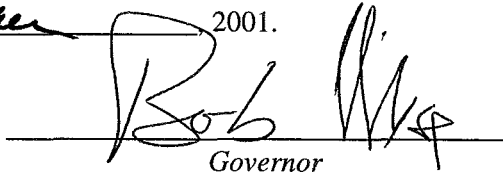


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within as appended this the 20th
day of September 2001.



Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 9-15-01

Time 12:45 PM