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SENATE BILL NO. 524

(By Senators Tomblin, Mr. President and Speaker, by request of the Executive)

PASSED April 9, 2005

In Effect July 1, 2005

Passage
AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-2-34, relating to requiring a study of the centralized accounting system of the State to determine whether improvements are necessary to obtain optimal function and economical operation of the system, including, but not limited to whether a transfer of responsibility for administration of the system is warranted or indicated to reach those ends, and for such other related purposes as the Secretary of the Department of Administration, the Secretary of the Department of Revenue, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State may agree are advisable.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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[Passed April 9, 2005; to take effect July 1, 2005.]
That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-2-34, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. FINANCE DIVISION.

§5A-2-34. Study of centralized accounting system.

(a) The Legislature finds an examination of administration of the state's centralized accounting system is warranted to determine whether improvements are necessary to obtain optimal function and economical operation of the system, including, but not limited to, whether a transfer of responsibility for administration of the system is warranted or indicated to reach those ends. It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature that appropriate public officials conduct a study of the centralized accounting system and provide the results of the study and any recommendations indicated for the improvement of the system to the Legislature for its consideration.

(b) The Secretary of the Department of Administration, the Secretary of the Department of Revenue, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the state shall conduct a study of the centralized accounting system for the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section and for such other related purposes as they may agree are advisable. The study shall include the examination of the centralized accounting system by an independent consultant agreed upon by the Secretary of the Department of Administration and the Secretary of the Department of Revenue after consultation with the remainder of the public officials designated in this section to conduct the study. A report of the study and any resulting recommendations made by the public officials designated by this section to conduct the study shall be submitted to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance on or before the
first day of December, two thousand five, and shall include the written report and any recommendations of the independent consultant.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 2005.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved, this the 3rd Day of May, 2005.

Governor