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AN ACT to amend and reenact §12-6C-7 and §12-6C-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to authorizing the Board of Treasury Investments to retain, rather than require it to retain, one employee with a chartered financial analyst designation or an employee who is a certified treasury manager; removing the restriction on investing in mortgage-backed securities; and adding certificates of deposit as an investment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §12-6C-7 and §12-6C-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 6C. WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF TREASURY INVESTMENTS.

§12-6C-7. Management and control of fund; officers; staff; fiduciary or surety bonds for directors; liability of directors.

1 (a) The management and control of the Consolidated Fund
2 is vested solely in the board in accordance with the provisions
3 of this article.

4 (b) The State Treasurer is the chairperson of the board. The
5 board shall elect a vice chairperson. Annually, the directors
6 shall elect a secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the
7 board and provide any other duties required by the board. The
8 board may elect a person who is not a member of the board as
9 secretary.

10 (c) The board may use the staff of the State Treasurer,
11 employ personnel and contract with any person or entity needed
12 to perform the tasks related to operating the Consolidated Fund.

13 (d) The board shall retain an internal auditor to report
14 directly to the board and shall fix his or her compensation. As
15 a minimum qualification, the internal auditor shall be a certified
16 public accountant with at least three years' experience as an
17 auditor. The internal auditor shall develop an internal audit
18 plan, with board approval, for the testing of procedures, internal
19 controls and the security of transactions.

20 (e) The board may retain one employee with a chartered
21 financial analyst designation or an employee who is a certified
22 treasury manager.

23 (f) Each director shall give a separate fiduciary or surety
24 bond from a surety company qualified to do business within this
25 state in a penalty amount of one million dollars for the faithful
26 performance of his or her duties as a director. The board shall
27 purchase a blanket bond for the faithful performance of its
28 duties in the amount of fifty million dollars or in an amount
29 equivalent to one percent of the assets under management,
30 whichever is greater. The amount of the blanket bond is in
31 addition to the one million dollar individual bond required of
32 each director by the provisions of this section. The board may

33 require a fiduciary or surety bond from a surety company
34 qualified to do business in this state for any person who has
35 charge of, or access to, any securities, funds or other moneys
36 held by the board and the amount of the fiduciary or surety
37 bond are fixed by the board. The premiums payable on all
38 fiduciary or surety bonds are expenses of the board.

39 (g) The directors, employees of the board and employees of
40 the State Treasurer performing work for or on behalf of the
41 board are not liable personally, either jointly or severally, for
42 any debt or obligation created by the board: *Provided*, That the
43 directors and employees of the board are liable for acts of
44 misfeasance or gross negligence.

45 (h) The board is exempt from the provisions of article three,
46 chapter five-a, and sections seven and eleven, article three,
47 chapter twelve of this code. However, the board is subject to the
48 purchasing policies and procedures of the State Treasurer' s
49 Office.

**§12-6C-9. Asset allocation; investment policies, authorized invest-
ments; restrictions.**

1 (a) The board shall develop, adopt, review or modify an
2 asset allocation plan for the Consolidated Fund at each annual
3 board meeting.

4 (b) The board shall adopt, review, modify or cancel the
5 investment policy of each fund or pool created at each annual
6 board meeting. For each participant directed account authorized
7 by the State Treasurer, staff of the board shall develop an
8 investment policy for the account and create the requested
9 account. The board shall review all existing participant directed
10 accounts and investment policies at its annual meeting for
11 modification.

12 (c) The board shall consider the following when adopting,
13 reviewing, modifying or canceling investment policies:

- 14 (1) Preservation of capital;
 - 15 (2) Risk tolerance;
 - 16 (3) Credit standards;
 - 17 (4) Diversification;
 - 18 (5) Rate of return;
 - 19 (6) Stability and turnover;
 - 20 (7) Liquidity;
 - 21 (8) Reasonable costs and fees;
 - 22 (9) Permissible investments;
 - 23 (10) Maturity ranges;
 - 24 (11) Internal controls;
 - 25 (12) Safekeeping and custody;
 - 26 (13) Valuation methodologies;
 - 27 (14) Calculation of earnings and yields;
 - 28 (15) Performance benchmarks and evaluation; and
 - 29 (16) Reporting.
- 30 (d) No security may be purchased by the board unless the
31 type of security is on a list approved at a board meeting. The
32 board shall review the list at its annual meeting.
- 33 (e) Notwithstanding the restrictions which are otherwise
34 provided by law with respect to the investment of funds, the
35 board and all participants, now and in the future, may invest
36 funds in these securities:

37 (1) Obligations of, or obligations that are insured as to
38 principal and interest by, the United States of America or any
39 agency or corporation thereof and obligations and securities of
40 the United States sponsored enterprises, including, without
41 limitation:

42 (i) United States Treasury;

43 (ii) Export-Import Bank of the United States;

44 (iii) Farmers Home Administration;

45 (iv) Federal Farm Credit Banks;

46 (v) Federal Home Loan Banks;

47 (vi) Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation;

48 (vii) Federal Land Banks;

49 (viii) Government National Mortgage Association;

50 (ix) Merchant Marine bonds; and

51 (x) Tennessee Valley Authority Obligations.

52 (2) Obligations of the Federal National Mortgage Associa-
53 tion;

54 (3) Commercial paper with one of the two highest commer-
55 cial paper credit ratings by a nationally recognized investment
56 rating firm;

57 (4) Corporate debt rated in one of the six highest rating
58 categories by a nationally recognized rating agency;

59 (5) State and local government, or any instrumentality or
60 agency thereof, securities with one of the three highest ratings
61 by a nationally recognized rating agency;

62 (6) Repurchase agreements involving the purchase of
63 United States Treasury securities and repurchase agreements
64 fully collateralized by obligations of the United States govern-
65 ment or its agencies or instrumentalities;

66 (7) Reverse repurchase agreements involving the purchase
67 of United States Treasury securities and reverse repurchase
68 agreements fully collateralized by obligations of the United
69 States government or its agencies or instrumentalities;

70 (8) Asset-backed securities rated in the highest category by
71 a nationally recognized rating agency;

72 (9) Certificates of deposit; and

73 (10) Investments in accordance with the Linked Deposit
74 Program, a program using financial institutions in West
75 Virginia to obtain certificates of deposit, loans approved by the
76 Legislature and any other programs authorized by the Legisla-
77 ture.

78 (f) In addition to the restrictions and conditions contained
79 in this section:

80 (1) At no time shall more than seventy-five percent of the
81 Consolidated Fund be invested in any bond, note, debenture,
82 commercial paper or other evidence of indebtedness of any
83 private corporation or association;

84 (2) At no time shall more than five percent of the Consoli-
85 dated Fund be invested in securities issued by a single private
86 corporation or association; and

87 (3) At no time shall less than fifteen percent of the Consoli-
88 dated Fund be invested in any direct obligation of or obligation
89 guaranteed as to the payment of both principal and interest by
90 the United States of America.

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

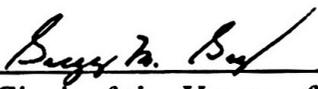

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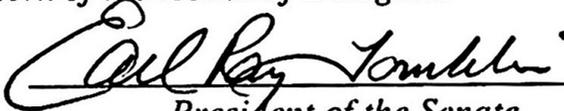

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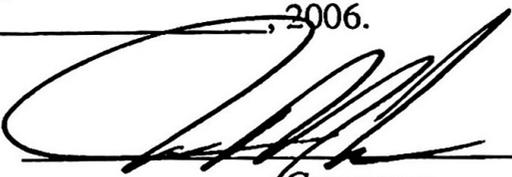

Clerk of the Senate


Clerk of the House of Delegates


President of the Senate


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The within is approved this the 30
day of April, 2006.


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