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(By Delegate(s) Mr. Speaker (Mr. Thompson) Boggs,
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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §4-2B-1, relating to authorizing the establishment of job creation work groups to obtain information to assist the Legislature's efforts to take effective action to increase and attract jobs in West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated §4-2B-1, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2B. WORK GROUPS.

§4-2B-1. Job creation work groups.

- 1 (a)(1) The Legislature finds that an array of economic
- 2 development initiatives have been taken by the Legislature, the
- 3 Governor and various agencies of the Executive to promote the
- 4 growth of job opportunities for residents of the state, including,
- 5 but not limited to:

6 (A) An extensive reduction of business tax burdens,
7 workers' compensation reform, and significant investment in
8 university research;

9 (B) Providing new and expanding businesses with technical
10 and financial assistance to train, retrain and upgrade the skills of
11 their employees;

12 (C) Providing the curricula of an expanding Community and
13 Technical College System that is highly responsive to business
14 and workforce needs; and

15 (D) Broad based nationwide and global marketing of the
16 advantages of West Virginia as a place to do business, to work
17 and to live.

18 (2) These efforts are promoting a positive business climate
19 and continued business growth in the state. The Legislature
20 finds, however, that more can be done. The Legislature expects
21 to continuously examine and consider legislative proposals for
22 further actions that can be taken to increase jobs available in this
23 state by encouraging the expansion of existing industries and
24 business, both large and small, in this state, and by attracting to
25 this state new industries and businesses that will complement the
26 state's ongoing efforts to compete in the national and global
27 economies. The Legislature further finds that it can promote the
28 effectiveness of its consideration of these proposals as well as
29 provide a source of other ideas for the same by authorizing the
30 formation of job creation work groups to gather information in
31 person at locations within and outside the state in order to
32 observe first hand the best practices for job creation developed
33 elsewhere.

34 (b) The President of the Senate may establish one or more
35 Senate job creation work groups, composed of one or more
36 members of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Delegates
37 may establish one or more House of Delegates job creation work

38 groups, composed of one or more members of the House of
39 Delegates.

40 (c) Each job creation work group shall conduct its activities
41 under the direction of the appointing presiding officer,
42 independently or in cooperation with the Department of
43 Commerce, the West Virginia Development Office, or other
44 executive office or agency of the state. The work group shall
45 conduct meetings and visitations as it is directed by the
46 appointing presiding officer for the purposes of obtaining
47 information available to assist the Legislature's efforts to take
48 effective action to increase and attract jobs in West Virginia. The
49 primary purpose of a job creation workgroup is to become a
50 resource for other members of its respective house of the
51 Legislature. The work group shall also meet with existing
52 businesses and organizations to further develop resources
53 currently available to expand upon and grow job opportunities
54 within the state. Each member of a job creation work group may
55 make proposals or recommendations on this subject as an
56 individual member of the Legislature. The work group exists
57 until terminated by the appointing presiding officer.

58 (d) The expenses of a job creation work group shall be paid
59 from the funds of the respective house in which it is established.
60 The members of the work group may receive no compensation
61 for their services other than actual expenses incurred in the
62 discharge of their duties as members of work group, subject to
63 the limitations provided for the reimbursement of travel and
64 other expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a
65 member of the Legislature under article two-a of this chapter.

66 (e) The provisions of this section expire and are of no force
67 and effect after December 31, 2014.

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

Danny Welk
Chairman, House Committee

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Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates
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President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 10th
day of April, 2013.

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Governor

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