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AN ACT to amend and reenact §12-1-12d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to investments by certain institutions of higher learning.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §12-1-12d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### ARTICLE 1. STATE DEPOSITORIES.

- §12-1-12d. Investments by Marshall University, West Virginia University and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.
  - 1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the
  - 2 contrary, the governing boards of Marshall University, West
  - 3 Virginia University and West Virginia School of Osteopathic
  - 4 Medicine each may invest certain funds with its respective
  - 5 nonprofit foundation that has been established to receive
  - 6 contributions exclusively for that university and which exists

- 7 on January 1, 2005. The investment is subject to the
- 8 limitations of this section.
- 9 (b) A governing board, through its chief financial officer,
- 10 may enter into agreements, approved as to form by the State
- 11 Treasurer, for the investment by its foundation of certain
- 12 funds subject to their administration. Any interest or earnings
- 13 on the moneys invested is retained by the investing
- 14 university.
- 15 (c) Moneys of a university that may be invested with its 16 foundation pursuant to this section are those subject to the
- 17 administrative control of the university and that do not
- 18 include any funds made available to the university from the
- 19 state General Revenue Fund or the funds established in
- 20 section eighteen or eighteen-a, article twenty-two, chapter
- 21 twenty-nine of this code. Moneys permitted to be invested
- 22 under this section may be aggregated in an investment fund
- 23 for investment purposes.
- 24 (d) Investments by foundations that are authorized under
- 25 this section shall be made in accordance with and subject to
- 26 the provisions of the Uniform Prudent Investor Act, codified
- 27 as article six-c, chapter forty-four of this code. As part of its
- 28 fiduciary responsibilities, each governing board shall
- 29 establish investment policies in accordance with the Uniform
- 30 Prudent Investor Act for those moneys invested with its
- 31 foundation. The governing board shall review, establish and
- 32 modify, if necessary, the investment objectives as
- 33 incorporated in its investment policies so as to provide for the
- 34 financial security of the moneys invested with its foundation.
- 35 The governing boards shall give consideration to the
- 36 following:

- 38 (2) Diversification;
- 39 (3) Risk tolerance;
- 40 (4) Rate of return;
- 41 (5) Stability;
- 42 (6) Turnover;
- 43 (7) Liquidity; and
- 44 (8) Reasonable cost of fees.
- 45 (e) A governing board shall report annually by December
- 46 31 to the Governor and to the Joint Committee on
- 47 Government and Finance on the performance of investments
- 48 managed by its foundation pursuant to this section.
- 49 (f) The amendments to this section in the second
- 50 extraordinary session of the Legislature in 2010 apply
- 51 retroactively so that the authority granted by this section shall
- 52 be construed as if that authority did not expire on July 1,
- 53 2010.

## RESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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