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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-97; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-24-44, all relating to providing a tax credit against the state corporate net income tax and the state personal income tax for expenditures related to the establishment and operation of employer-provided or sponsored child-care facilities; defining terms; providing for rulemaking; setting the amount of the credit; providing for limitation of the credit; providing for transferrable credit available to non-profit corporations; and providing for a recapture process.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

#### ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

#### §11-21-97. Tax credit for employers providing child care for employees.

- (a) Definitions. As used in this section, the term:
- (1) "Commissioner" or "Tax Commissioner" are used interchangeably herein and mean the Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, or his or her delegate;
- (2) "Cost of operation" means reasonable direct operational costs incurred by an employer as a result of providing employer provided or employer sponsored child-care facilities: *Provided*, That the term cost of operation shall exclude the cost of any property that is qualified child-care property.
  - (3) "Department" or "Tax Department" means the West Virginia State Tax Department.
  - (4) "Employer" means any employer upon whom an income tax is imposed by this article.
  - (5) "Employer provided" refers to child care offered on the premises of the employer.
- (6) "Premises of the employer" refers to any location within the State of West Virginia and located on the workplace premises of the employer providing the child care or one of the employers providing the child care in the event that the child care property is owned jointly or severally by the taxpayer and one or more unaffiliated employers: *Provided*, That if such workplace premises are impracticable or otherwise unsuitable for the on-site location of such

child-care facility, as determined by the commissioner, such facility may be located	within a
reasonable distance of the premises of the employer.	

- (7) "Qualified child-care property" means all real property, other than land, and tangible personal property purchased or acquired on or after July 1, 2022, or which property is first placed in service on or after July 1, 2022, for use exclusively in the construction, expansion, improvement, or operation of an employer provided child-care facility, but only if:
  - (A) The children who use the facility are primarily children of employees of:
- (i) The taxpayer and other employers in the event that the child-care property is owned jointly or severally by the taxpayer and one or more employers; or
- (ii) A corporation that is a member of the taxpayer's "affiliated group" within the meaning of section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- (B) The taxpayer has not previously claimed any tax credit for the cost of operation for such qualified child-care property placed in service prior to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

Qualified child-care property includes, but is not limited to, amounts expended on building, improvements, and building improvements and furniture, fixtures, and equipment directly related to the operation of child-care property as defined in this section.

- (8) "Recapture amount" means, with respect to property as to which a recapture event has occurred, an amount equal to the applicable recapture percentage of the aggregate credits claimed under subsection (d) of this section for all taxable years preceding the recapture year, whether or not such credits were used.
- (9) "Recapture event" means any disposition of qualified child-care property by the taxpayer, or any other event or circumstance under which property ceases to be qualified child-care property with respect to the taxpayer, except for:
- 40 (A) Any transfer by reason of death;
  - (B) Any transfer between spouses or incident to divorce;

42	(C) Any transaction to which Section 381(a) of the Internal Revenue Code applies;
43	(D) Any change in the form of conducting the taxpayer's trade or business so long as the
44	property is retained in such trade or business as qualified child-care property and the taxpayer
45	retains a substantial interest in such trade or business; or
46	(E) Any accident or casualty.
47	(10) "Recapture percentage" refers to the applicable percentage set forth in the following
48	table:
49	If the recapture event occurs within-The recapture percentage is:
50	Five full years after the qualified child-care property is
51	placed in service100
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64	The twelfth full year after the qualified child-care property
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66	The thirteenth full year after the qualified child-care
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68	The fourteenth full year after the qualified child-care
69	property is placed in service10
70	Any period after the close of the fourteenth full year after
71	the qualified child-care property is placed in service0
72	(11) "Recapture year" means the taxable year in which a recapture event occurs with
73	respect to qualified child-care property.
74	(b) Credit for capital investment in child-care property. — A taxpayer shall be allowed a
75	credit against the tax imposed under this article for the taxable year in which the taxpayer first
76	places in service qualified child-care property and for each of the ensuing four taxable years
77	following such taxable year. The aggregate amount of the credit shall equal 50 percent of the cost
78	of all qualified child-care property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer and first placed in service
79	during a taxable year, and such credit may be claimed at a rate of 20 percent per year over a
80	period of five taxable years. In the case of a qualified child-care property jointly owned by two or
81	more unaffiliated employers, each employer's credit is limited to that employer's respective
82	investment in the qualified child-care property.
83	(c) Limitations on Capital Investment Credit. — The tax credit allowable under subsection
84	(b) of this section shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:
85	(1) Any such credit claimed in any taxable year but not used in such taxable year may be
86	carried forward for three years from the close of such taxable year. The sale, merger, acquisition,
87	or bankruptcy of any taxpayer shall not create new eligibility for the credit in any succeeding
88	taxpayer;
89	(2) In no event shall the amount of any such tax credit allowed under subsection (b) of this
90	section, when combined with any such tax credit allowed under subsection (e) of this section,
91	including any carryover of such credits from a prior taxable year, exceed 100 percent of the
92	taxpaver's income tax liability as determined without regard to any other credits: and

93	(3) For every year in which a taxpayer claims such credit, the taxpayer shall attach a
94	schedule to the taxpayer's West Virginia income tax return setting forth the following information
95	with respect to such tax credit:
96	(A) A description of the child-care facility;
97	(B) The amount of qualified child-care property acquired during the taxable year and the
98	cost of such property;
99	(C) The amount of tax credit claimed for the taxable year;
100	(D) The amount of qualified child-care property acquired in prior taxable years and the
101	cost of such property;
102	(E) Any tax credit utilized by the taxpayer in prior taxable years;
103	(F) The amount of tax credit carried over from prior years;
104	(G) The amount of tax credit utilized by the taxpayer in the current taxable year;
105	(H) The amount of tax credit to be carried forward to subsequent tax years; and
106	(I) A description of any recapture event occurring during the taxable year, a calculation of
107	the resulting reduction in tax credits allowable for the recapture year and future taxable years,
108	and a calculation of the resulting increase in tax for the recapture year.
109	(d) Recapture of credit. — If a recapture event occurs with respect to qualified child-care
110	property:
111	(1) The credit otherwise allowable under subsection (b) of this section with respect to such
112	property for the recapture year and all subsequent taxable years shall be reduced by the
113	applicable recapture percentage; and
114	(2) All credits previously claimed with respect to such property under subsection (b) of this
115	section shall be recaptured as follows:
116	(A) Any carryover attributable to such credits pursuant to subdivision (1), subsection (c) of
117	this section shall be reduced, but not below zero, by the recapture amount;

118	(B) The tax credit otherwise allowable pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for the
119	recapture year, if any, as reduced pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be further
120	reduced, but not below zero, by the excess of the recapture amount over the amount taken into
121	account pursuant to paragraph (A) of this subdivision; and
122	(C) The tax imposed pursuant to this article for the recapture year shall be increased by
123	the excess of the recapture amount over the amounts taken into account pursuant to paragraphs

- the excess of the recapture amount over the amounts taken into account pursuant to paragraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision, as applicable.
- (e) Credit for operating costs. In addition to the tax credit provided under subsection (b) of this section, a tax credit against the tax imposed under this article shall be granted to an employer who provides or sponsors child care for employees. The amount of the tax credit shall be equal to 50 percent of the cost of operation to the employer less any amounts paid for by employees during a taxable year.
- (f) Limitations on credit for operating costs.— The tax credit allowed under subsection (e) of this section shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:
- (1) Such credit shall when combined with the credit allowed under subsection (b) of this section shall not exceed 100 percent of the amount of the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year as determined without regard to any other credits;
- (2) Any such credit claimed but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five years from the close of the taxable year in which the cost of operation was incurred; and
- (3) The employer shall certify to the department the names of the employees, the name of the child-care provider, and such other information as may be required by the department to ensure that credits are granted only to employers who provide or sponsor approved child care pursuant to this section.
- (g) *Rules.* The Tax Commissioner may promulgate such interpretive, legislative and procedural rules as the commissioner deems to be useful or necessary to carry out the purpose

of this section and to implement the intent of the Legislature. The Tax Commissioner may promulgate emergency rules pursuant to the provisions of §29A-3-15 of this code.

#### ARTICLE 24. CORPORATION NET INCOME TAX.

#### §11-24-44. Tax credit for employers providing child care for employees.

- (a) Definition. —- As used in this section, the term:
- (1) "Commissioner" or "Tax Commissioner" are used interchangeably herein and mean the Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, or his or her delegate;
- (2) "Cost of operation" means reasonable direct operational costs incurred by an employer as a result of providing employer provided or employer sponsored child-care facilities; provided, however, that the term cost of operation shall exclude the cost of any property that is qualified child-care property.
  - (3) "Department" or "Tax Department" means the West Virginia State Tax Department.
- (4) "Employer" means any employer upon whom an income tax is imposed by this article or any employer organized as a nonprofit corporation under Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) or § 501(c)(6) that is exempt from the tax imposed by this article pursuant to §11-24-5 of this code.
  - (5) "Employer provided" refers to child care offered on the premises of the employer.
- (6) "Premises of the employer" refers to any location within the State of West Virginia and located on the workplace premises of the employer providing the child care or one of the employers providing the child care in the event that the child-care property is owned jointly or severally by the taxpayer and one or more unaffiliated employers: *Provided*, That if such workplace premises are impracticable or otherwise unsuitable for the on-site location of such child-care facility, as determined by the commissioner, such facility may be located within a reasonable distance of the premises of the employer.
- (7) "Qualified child-care property" means all real property, other than land, and tangible personal property purchased or acquired on or after July 1, 2022, or which property is first placed

23	in service on or after July 1, 2022, for use exclusively in the construction, expansion, improvement
24	or operation of an employer provided child-care facility, but only if:
25	(A) The children who use the facility are primarily children of employees of:
26	(i) The taxpayer and other employers in the event that the child-care property is owned
27	jointly or severally by the taxpayer and one or more employers; or
28	(ii) A corporation that is a member of the taxpayer's "affiliated group" within the meaning
29	of Section 1504(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
30	(B) The taxpayer has not previously claimed any tax credit for the cost of operation for
31	such qualified child-care property placed in service prior to taxable years beginning on or after
32	January 1, 2022.
33	Qualified child-care property includes, but is not limited to, amounts expended on building,
34	improvements, and building improvements and furniture, fixtures, and equipment directly related
35	to the operation of child-care property as defined in this section.
36	(8) "Recapture amount" means, with respect to property as to which a recapture event has
37	occurred, an amount equal to the applicable recapture percentage of the aggregate credits
38	claimed under subsection (d) of this section for all taxable years preceding the recapture year,
39	whether or not such credits were used.
40	(9) "Recapture event" refers to any disposition of qualified child-care property by the
41	taxpayer, or any other event or circumstance under which property ceases to be qualified child-
42	care property with respect to the taxpayer, except for:
43	(A) Any transfer by reason of death;
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46	(D) Any change in the form of conducting the taxpayer's trade or business so long as the
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- 75 (11) "Recapture year" means the taxable year in which a recapture event occurs with respect to qualified child-care property.
  - (b) Credit for capital investment in child-care property. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed under this article for the taxable year in which the taxpayer first places in service qualified child-care property and for each of the ensuing four taxable years following such taxable year. The aggregate amount of the credit shall equal 50 percent of the cost of all qualified child-care property purchased or acquired by the taxpayer and first placed in service during a taxable year, and such credit may be claimed at a rate of 20 percent per year over a period of five taxable years. In the case of a qualified child-care property jointly owned by two or more unaffiliated employers, each employer's credit is limited to that employer's respective investment in the qualified child-care property.
  - (c) Limitations on capital investment credit. The tax credit allowable under subsection
    (b) of this section shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:
  - (1) Any such credit claimed in any taxable year but not used in such taxable year may be carried forward for three years from the close of such taxable year. The sale, merger, acquisition, or bankruptcy of any taxpayer shall not create new eligibility for the credit in any succeeding taxpayer;
  - (2) In no event shall the amount of any such tax credit allowed under subsection (b) of this section, when combined with any such tax credit allowed under subsection (e) of this section, including any carryover of such credits from a prior taxable year, exceed 100 percent of the taxpayer's income tax liability as determined without regard to any other credits; and
  - (3) For every year in which a taxpayer claims such credit, the taxpayer shall attach a schedule to the taxpayer's West Virginia income tax return setting forth the following information with respect to such tax credit:
  - (A) A description of the child-care facility;

100	(B) The amount of qualified child-care property acquired during the taxable year and the
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102	(C) The amount of tax credit claimed for the taxable year;
103	(D) The amount of qualified child-care property acquired in prior taxable years and the
104	cost of such property;
105	(E) Any tax credit utilized by the taxpayer in prior taxable years;
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107	(G) The amount of tax credit utilized by the taxpayer in the current taxable year;
108	(H) The amount of tax credit to be carried forward to subsequent tax years; and
109	(I) A description of any recapture event occurring during the taxable year, a calculation of
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112	(d) Recapture of credit. — If a recapture event occurs with respect to qualified child-care
113	property:
114	(1) The credit otherwise allowable under subsection (b) of this section with respect to such
115	property for the recapture year and all subsequent taxable years shall be reduced by the
116	applicable recapture percentage; and
117	(2) All credits previously claimed with respect to such property under subsection (b) of this
118	section shall be recaptured as follows:
119	(A) Any carryover attributable to such credits pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c)
120	of this section shall be reduced, but not below zero, by the recapture amount;
121	(B) The tax credit otherwise allowable pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for the
122	recapture year, if any, as reduced pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be further
123	reduced, but not below zero, by the excess of the recapture amount over the amount taken into

account pursuant to paragraph (A) of this subdivision; and

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- 125 (C) The tax imposed pursuant to this article for the recapture year shall be increased by the excess of the recapture amount over the amounts taken into account pursuant to paragraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision, as applicable.
  - (e) Credit for operating costs. In addition to the tax credit provided under subsection (b) of this section, a tax credit against the tax imposed under this article shall be granted to an employer who provides or sponsors child care for employees. The amount of the tax credit shall be equal to 50 percent of the cost of operation to the employer less any amounts paid for by employees during a taxable year.
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  - (1) Such credit shall when combined with the credit allowed under subsection (b) of this section shall not exceed 100 percent of the amount of the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year as determined without regard to any other credits:
  - (2) Any such credit claimed but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five years from the close of the taxable year in which the cost of operation was incurred; and
  - (3) The employer shall certify to the department the names of the employees, the name of the child-care provider, and such other information as may be required by the department to ensure that credits are granted only to employers who provide or sponsor approved child care pursuant to this section.
  - (g) Transferrable credit available to non-profit corporations. In the case of non-profit corporations organized under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) or §501(c)(6), which are exempt from tax under this article pursuant to §11-24-5 of this code, a credit in the amount calculated under the provisions of this section shall be available as a transferrable credit that may be transferred, sold, or assigned to any other taxpayer to be applied against the tax owed under this article. Pursuant to rules promulgated by the Tax Department, a non-profit corporation applicant shall provide a schedule to the Tax Department with all information required under §11-24-

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44(c)(3) of this code. The Tax Department shall within 90 days certify the amount of transferrable credit available to be transferred, sold, or assigned to another taxpayer. Any transferee, purchaser, or assignee of non-profit corporation credits certified to a non-profit corporation under this section takes the transferred, purchased, or assigned credits subject to any limitations placed on the amount of credit taken in a given year by §11-24-44(b), §11-24-44(c), §11-24-44(e), and §11-24-44(f) of this code.

(h) *Rules*. — The Tax Commissioner may promulgate such interpretive, legislative and procedural rules as the commissioner deems to be useful or necessary to carry out the purpose of this section and to implement the intent of the Legislature. The Tax Commissioner may promulgate emergency rules pursuant to the provisions of §29A-3-15 of this code.

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