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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-5-11, relating to creating the energy and water savings revolving loan fund; requiring legislative rule; establishing fund administration criteria; authorizing fund investment; and limiting uses of funds.

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 section, designated §18B-5-11, to read as follows:

# ARTICLE 5. HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES.

§18B-5-11. Energy and Water Savings Revolving Loan Program Fund.

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(a) There is created in the state treasury a special 1 2 revolving loan fund known as the "Energy and Water 3 Savings Revolving Loan Fund". The fund is administered by 4 the Commission and used to effectuate the purposes of this 5 section. The fund consists of moneys received from the 6 following sources: 7 (1) All appropriations provided by the Legislature for 8 energy and water savings revolving loans; 9 (2) Repayment of loans made to state institutions of higher education pursuant to this section; 10 11 (3) Any moneys available from external sources; and 12 (4) All interest and other income earned from investment 13 of moneys in the fund. 14 (b) The Commission shall utilize moneys in the fund to provide loans to state institutions of higher education under 15 16 the jurisdiction of the Commission or the Council to finance projects that will achieve significant reductions in campus 17 18 energy and water consumption and costs. 19 (c) The Commission shall propose a rule for legislative 20 approval in accordance with section six, article one of this 21 chapter and article three-a, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code 22 to implement the provisions of this section. The rule shall 23 provide at least the following: 24 (1) Project information required in a loan application; 25 (2) Criteria for evaluating loan applications; 26 (3) A method for calculating the terms of loan repayment; 27 and

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(4) Other provisions the Commission considers necessary
to administer the program in accordance with this section.

30 (d) Projects shall be considered on a competitive basis.
31 Highest priority is given to projects guaranteeing the greatest
32 reductions in energy and water consumption and costs and
33 the earliest loan repayments.

34 (e) Any balance, including accrued interest and any other returns, in the Energy and Water Savings Revolving Loan 35 Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not expire to the 36 37 General Revenue Fund, but shall remain in the loan fund and 38 be expended for the purposes provided by this section. The Commission may use up to four percent of the total loan 39 40 amount in a fiscal year for administrative expenses incurred 41 in that fiscal year.

42 (f) Fund balances may be invested with the state's
43 consolidated investment fund. Any earnings on the
44 investments shall be used solely for the purpose defined in
45 subsection (b) of this section.

46 (g) The Legislature finds that an emergency exists and, 47 therefore, the Commission shall propose an emergency rule 48 to implement the provisions of this section in accordance 49 with section six, article one of this chapter and article three-a, 50 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code by the first day of October, 51 The emergency rule may not be two thousand eight. 52 implemented without prior approval of the Legislative 53 Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.

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

Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee Originating in the House. In effect July 1, 2008. alax Clerk of the Senate 7 Clerk of the House of Delegates President of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates The within <u>Alphoned</u> this the 28te Mare 2008. day of , AI Governor

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