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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin  
President, Senate of West Virginia  
State Capitol  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear President Tomblin:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 695.

Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 695 amends certain provisions of the Code of West Virginia pertaining to payment for unused sick leave upon retirement. I must object to this Bill because its proposed title does not sufficiently reflect the amendments it purports to make to the Code of West Virginia. More specifically, the Bill would remove the eligibility of certain higher education employees to be paid for unused sick leave. However, the title of the Bill fails to mention this material amendment. Accordingly, I find the title of the Bill inconsistent with the substance of the Bill, so as to render Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 695 constitutionally defective.

For this reason, I must veto this legislation. Nevertheless, I urge the Legislature to reconsider this Bill to correct the title and any other erroneous designations.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

Joe Manchin III  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Richard Thompson  
Speaker, House of Delegates  
The Honorable Natalie E. Tennant  
Secretary of State