

**Senate Bill No. 484**

(By Senators McCabe, Unger, Foster, Stollings, Wells, Minard,  
Beach and Kessler (Acting President))

[Introduced February 10, 2011; referred to the Committee on  
Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Education.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-12-3a, relating  
to research and development agreements for state institutions  
of higher education; and designating the Higher Education  
Policy Commission a state institution of higher education and  
its chancellor a president for the purpose of entering into  
research and development agreements.

*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-12-3a, to read as  
follows:

**ARTICLE 12. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS FOR STATE  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

**§18B-12-3a. Higher Education Policy Commission.**

For the purposes of this article the Higher Education Policy  
Commission is considered a "governing board for a state institution  
of higher education" and its chancellor is considered to be a

1 "president" of a state institution of higher education.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to designate the Higher Education Policy Commission as a state institution of higher education for the purpose of entering into research and development agreements.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.