

# H. B. 3013

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Committee on Finance.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §4-2B-1, relating to authorizing the establishment of job creation work groups to obtain information to assist the Legislature's efforts to take effective action to increase and attract jobs in West Virginia.

*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 article, designated §4-2B-1, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2B. WORK GROUPS.**

**§4-2B-1. Job creation work groups.**

- 1     (a)(1) The Legislature finds that an array of economic
- 2     development initiatives have been taken by the Legislature, the

3 Governor and various agencies of the Executive to promote the  
4 growth of job opportunities for residents of the state, including,  
5 but not limited to:

6 (A) An extensive reduction of business tax burdens,  
7 workers' compensation reform, and significant investment in  
8 university research;

9 (B) Providing new and expanding businesses with technical  
10 and financial assistance to train, retrain and upgrade the skills of  
11 their employees;

12 (C) Providing the curricula of an expanding Community and  
13 Technical College System that is highly responsive to business  
14 and workforce needs; and

15 (D) Broad based nationwide and global marketing of the  
16 advantages of West Virginia as a place to do business, to work  
17 and to live.

18 (2) These efforts are promoting a positive business climate  
19 and continued business growth in the state. The Legislature  
20 finds, however, that more can be done. The Legislature expects  
21 to continuously examine and consider legislative proposals for  
22 further actions that can be taken to increase jobs available in this

23 state by encouraging the expansion of existing industries and  
24 business, both large and small, in this state, and by attracting to  
25 this state new industries and businesses that will complement the  
26 state's ongoing efforts to compete in the national and global  
27 economies. The Legislature further finds that it can promote the  
28 effectiveness of its consideration of these proposals as well as  
29 provide a source of other ideas for the same by authorizing the  
30 formation of job creation work groups to gather information in  
31 person at locations within and outside the state in order to  
32 observe first hand the best practices for job creation developed  
33 elsewhere.

34 (b) The President of the Senate may establish one or more  
35 Senate job creation work groups, composed of one or more  
36 members of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Delegates  
37 may establish one or more House of Delegates job creation work  
38 groups, composed of one or more members of the House of  
39 Delegates.

40 (c) Each job creation work group shall conduct its activities  
41 under the direction of the appointing presiding officer,  
42 independently or in cooperation with the Department of

43 Commerce, the West Virginia Development Office, or other  
44 executive office or agency of the state. The work group shall  
45 conduct meetings and visitations as it is directed by the  
46 appointing presiding officer for the purposes of obtaining  
47 information available to assist the Legislature's efforts to take  
48 effective action to increase and attract jobs in West Virginia. The  
49 primary purpose of a job creation workgroup is to become a  
50 resource for other members of its respective house of the  
51 Legislature. The work group shall also meet with existing  
52 businesses and organizations to further develop resources  
53 currently available to expand upon and grow job opportunities  
54 within the state. Each member of a job creation work group may  
55 make proposals or recommendations on this subject as an  
56 individual member of the Legislature. The work group exists  
57 until terminated by the appointing presiding officer.

58 (d) The expenses of a job creation work group shall be paid  
59 from the funds of the respective house in which it is established.  
60 The members of the work group may receive no compensation  
61 for their services other than actual expenses incurred in the  
62 discharge of their duties as members of work group, subject to

63 the limitations provided for the reimbursement of travel and  
64 other expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a  
65 member of the Legislature under article two-a of this chapter.

66 (e) The provisions of this section expire and are of no force  
67 and effect after December 31, 2014.

NOTE: The purpose of the bill is to authorize the establishment of job creation work groups to obtain information available to assist the Legislature's efforts to take effective action to increase and attract jobs in West Virginia.

This article is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.





