



1                   **Virginia Water Sustainability Institute"; and one-**  
2                   **time funding from the Legislature.**

3           (a) The Legislature finds that the need to respond to future  
4 accidental threats to the security and integrity of west Virginia's  
5 water resources. Toward this end, the Legislature supports the  
6 creation of the "West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute" to  
7 be physically located at the West Virginia Regional Technology Park  
8 and subject to the authority of the commission and the powers and  
9 duties of the board of directors and corporation as set out in this  
10 article. The purpose of the West Virginia Water Sustainability  
11 Institute is to create a public-private partnership for promoting  
12 innovative technology to identify, invent and use through  
13 scientific methodologies, testing, separation, filtration and other  
14 purification technologies for detecting and removing pollutants  
15 from water supplies. The West Virginia University Water Institute  
16 shall partner with the West Virginia Water Sustainability  
17 Institute. The West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall  
18 develop commercially viable technologies that, first and foremost'  
19 protect West Virginia water resources, and that may also be  
20 deployed for the benefit of worldwide water resource  
21 sustainability, as a source of revenue for continuing research and  
22 development, as well as job creation and stimulation of West  
23 Virginia's economy.

1           (b) The West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall be  
2 funded by a one-time appropriation from the Legislature sufficient  
3 for the establishment of a facility that brings together leading  
4 water experts at the West Virginia Regional Technology park to  
5 develop, implement, and commercialize innovative technologies and  
6 solutions to maintain, improve, and protect water quality and  
7 quantity in West Virginia in cooperation with the West Virginia  
8 Water Sustainability Institute. Future funding and maintenance of  
9 the West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall be  
10 determined by the executive director and board of directors.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create and fund the establishment of a facility that studies and creates solutions to maintain, improve, and protect water quality and quantity in West Virginia. The bill also provides a one-time funding from the Legislature for the facility which is to be known as the "West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute" and located at the West Virginia Regional Technology Park.

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