

Senate Bill No. 61

(By Senator Walters)

[Introduced January 14, 2015; referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the
Committee on Finance.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
designated §18B-1F-10, relating to creating and funding establishment of facility that studies
and creates solutions to separate individual chemicals out of water; and providing funding
from Legislature’s Tax Reduction and Federal Funding Increased Compliance Fund.

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-1F-10, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1F. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION
POLICY COMMISSION.**

**§18B-1F-10. Legislative findings and intent; creating the "West Virginia Water Sustainability
Institute"; and funding from the Legislature’s Traffic fund.**

(a) The Legislature finds that the need to respond to future accidental threats to the integrity
of West Virginia's water resources. Toward this end, the Legislature supports the creation of the

1 "West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute" to be physically located at the West Virginia Regional
2 Technology Park. The purpose of the West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute is to create a
3 public-private partnership for promoting innovative technology to identify, invent and use through
4 scientific methodologies, testing, separation, filtration and other purification technologies for
5 detecting and removing pollutants from water supplies. The West Virginia University Water
6 Institute shall partner with the West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute. The West Virginia
7 Water Sustainability Institute shall develop commercially viable technologies that, first and foremost,
8 protect West Virginia water resources, and that may also be deployed for the benefit of worldwide
9 water resource sustainability, as a source of revenue for continuing research and development, as
10 well as job creation and stimulation of West Virginia's economy.

11 (b) The West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall be funded by appropriating \$2
12 million from the Tax Reduction and Federal Funding Increased Compliance (Traffic) fund 0175 for
13 the establishment of a facility that studies and creates solutions to separate individual chemicals out
14 of water.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create and fund the establishment of a facility that studies and creates solutions to separate individual chemicals out of water. The bill also provides funding from the Legislature's Traffic fund 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.