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Senate Bill 88

BY SENATOR WALTERS

[Introduced January 13, 2016;

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and

Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on

Finance.]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 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.**

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

13 (b) The West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall be funded by appropriating

- 14 \$2 million from the Tax Reduction and Federal Funding Increased Compliance (Traffic) fund 0175
15 for the establishment of a facility that studies and creates solutions to separate individual
16 chemicals out 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.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.