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House Bill 2929

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NOTE

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to the Committee on Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §11-21-12d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to allowing an adjustment to gross income for calculating the personal income tax
3 liability of certain retirees receiving pensions from defined-benefit pension plans that have
4 been terminated with a consequent reduced benefit and extending the effective period of
5 the allowed adjustment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §11-21-12d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX.

§11-21-12d. Additional modification reducing federal adjusted gross income.

1 (a) In addition to amounts authorized to be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income
2 pursuant to subsection (c), section twelve of this article, any person who retires under an
3 employer-provided defined benefit pension plan that terminates prior to or after the retirement of
4 that person and the pension plan is covered by a guarantor whose maximum benefit guarantee
5 is less than the maximum benefit to which the retiree was entitled had the plan not terminated
6 may subtract annually from his or her federal adjusted income a sum equal to the difference in
7 the amount of the maximum annual pension benefit the person would have received for such tax
8 year had the plan not terminated and the maximum annual pension benefit actually received from
9 the guarantor under a benefit guarantee plan: *Provided*, That if the Tax Commissioner determines
10 that this adjustment reduces the revenues of the state by \$2 million or more in any one year, then
11 the Tax Commissioner shall reduce the percentage of the reduction to a level at which the
12 commissioner believes will reduce the cost of the adjustment to \$2 million for the next year. This
13 tax adjustment is effective for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2008: *Provided*,
14 *however*, That for the taxable year 2007, the tax adjustment shall be effective and shall apply
15 retroactively: *Provided further*, That the adjustment terminates for the tax years on and after
16 January 1, 2015.

- 17 (b) This adjustment shall be effective for tax years beginning on January 1, 2017, and shall
18 terminate for taxable years on and after January 1, 2021.
- 19 (c) This modification is available regardless of the type of return form filed.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to continue providing a personal income tax adjustment to the gross income of certain retirees receiving pensions from defined pension plans that terminated and are being paid a reduced maximum benefit guarantee.

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