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House Bill 2160

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to the Committee on Government Organization then
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §5B-8-1, §5B-8-2 and §5B-8-3, all relating to establishment of an Economic
 3 and Community Development Task Force; composition of task force; and requiring a
 4 report of task force to Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 8. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE.

§5B-8-1. Establishment of task force.

1 An Economic and Community Development Task Force is hereby established. The task
 2 force shall study and encourage pilot programs for targeted community improvement and
 3 enrichment, using all available community and government resources for creative and effective
 4 activities. Community problems would be targeted for consolidated actions by community and
 5 religious groups and through government, education and social service agencies, both state and
 6 local. Individuals assigned to any pilot projects would be located together in the community away
 7 from separated agency offices and programs that have failed to address the special targeted
 8 problems of our communities. The task force shall cease when its responsibilities as set out in
 9 this article are completed.

§5B-8-2. Composition of task force.

- 1 (a) The task force consists of the following members, or their respective designees.
 2 (1) The President of the Senate;
 3 (2) The Speaker of the House of Delegates;
 4 (3) The Executive Director of the West Virginia Economic Development Authority;
 5 (4) A representative of the Regional Planning and Development Authority (or Authorities);
 6 (5) A representative of the Workforce West Virginia Career Center (or centers);
 7 (6) Two representatives of a local Economic Development Agency.
 8 (7) Two county commissioners; and
 9 (8) Two city or town council members.

10 (b) No more than three task force members who are representatives of local economic
11 development agencies, county commissions or council members may be from the same
12 congressional district.

§5B-8-3. Task force report.

1 (a) The task force shall create a report within one year of its establishment.

2 (b) The task force report shall be delivered within the one-year time frame to the Joint
3 Committee on Government and Finance, and shall simultaneously be made public by a paper
4 copy and the Internet.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish an Economic and Community Development Task Force. The bill sets forth the composition of task force. The bill requires a report to Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

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