

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

2011- 2012 Interims

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FINAL REPORT

The Legislative Oversight Commission on Workforce Investment for Economic Development was appointed pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §5B-2B-7, *et seq*, following the 2011 Regular Session of the 80th Legislature. Pursuant to their statutory charge the Commission was to make a continued investigation, study and review of the practices, policies and procedures of the workforce investment strategies and programs implemented in the state.

During the course of the 2011 interim period, the Legislative Oversight Commission on Workforce Investment for Economic Development met and received information on these practices, policies and procedures and other important issues.

The Commission **REPORTS** as follows:

Counsel to the Commission provided an update to the Commission on topics studied during the preceding interim period. Additionally, Counsel presented an overview of the Commission's statutory charge at the initial meeting so that members were fully aware of their mission.

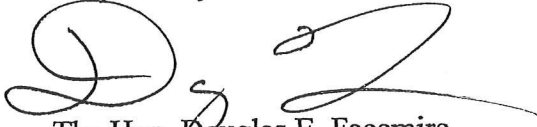
Throughout the year, the Commission heard from Russell L. Fry, Director of WorkForce West Virginia. Along with updating the Commission on various initiatives and projects relating to workforce, Mr. Fry also reported about the status of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and gave an update on measures utilized for fraud prevention. In addition, Valerie Comer, Deputy Executive Director of WorkForce West Virginia, presented the Annual State of the One Stop and Funding Stream Report to the Commission.

The Commission also received updates from James L. Skidmore, Chancellor of the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education. Chancellor Skidmore

provided an overview of the Community and Technical College System and its connection to workforce issues. Additionally, he presented a report on the proliferation of middle skill jobs in the nation as well as the state.

The Commission **RECOMMENDS** that they continue to monitor the financial soundness of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. Additionally, the Commission recommends that they continue as statutorily required to investigate, study and review the practices, policies and procedures of the workforce investment strategies and programs implemented in the state.

Respectfully submitted,



The Hon. Douglas E. Facemire
Senate Chair

*The Hon. K. Steven Kominar
House of Delegates Chair

**Resigned from the West Virginia Legislature on December 29, 2011.*