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AN ACT to amend and reenact §18B-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §18B-2A-1 of said code, all relating to correcting names of certain state institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §18B-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that §18B-2A-1 of said code be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 1. GOVERNANCE.

## §18B-1-2. Definitions.

- 1 The following words when used in this chapter and chapter
- 2 eighteen-c of this code have the meanings ascribed to them
- 3 unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- 4 (a) "Governing boards" or "boards" means the institu-
- 5 tional boards of governors created pursuant to section one,
- 6 article two-a of this chapter;

- 7 (b) "Free-standing community and technical colleges"
- 8 means Southern West Virginia Community and Technical
- 9 College, West Virginia Northern Community and Technical
- 10 College, and Eastern West Virginia Community and Techni-
- 11 cal College, which may not be operated as branches or off-
- 12 campus locations of any other state institution of higher
- 13 education;
- 14 (c) "Community and technical college", in the singular or
- 15 plural, means the free-standing community and technical
- 16 colleges and other state institutions of higher education
- 17 which deliver community and technical college education.
- 18 This definition includes Blue Ridge Community and Techni-
- 19 cal College, Bridgemont Community and Technical College,
- 20 Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College,
- 21 Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College,
- 22 Mountwest Community and Technical College, New River
- 23 Community and Technical College, Pierpont Community and
- 24 Technical College, Southern West Virginia Community and
- 25 Technical College, West Virginia Northern Community and
- 26 Technical College, and West Virginia University at
- 27 Parkersburg;
- 28 (d) "Community and technical college education" means
- 29 the programs, faculty, administration and funding associated
- 30 with the delivery of community and technical college
- 31 education programs;
- 32 (e) "Essential conditions" means those conditions which
- 33 shall be met by community and technical colleges as pro-
- 34 vided in section three, article three-c of this chapter;
- 35 (f) "Higher education institution" means any institution as
- 36 defined by Sections 401(f), (g) and (h) of the federal Higher
- 37 Education Facilities Act of 1963, as amended;
- 38 (g) "Higher Education Policy Commission", "Policy
- 39 Commission" or "Commission" means the commission
- 40 created pursuant to section one, article one-b of this chapter;
- 41 (h) "Chancellor for Higher Education" means the chief
- 42 executive officer of the Higher Education Policy Commission

- 43 employed pursuant to section five, article one-b of this 44 chapter;
- 45 (i) "Chancellor for Community and Technical College 46 Education" means the chief executive officer of the West
- 47 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College
- 48 Education employed pursuant to section three, article two-b
- 49 of this chapter:
- 50 (j) "Chancellor" means the Chancellor for Higher Educa-
- 51 tion where the context refers to a function of the Higher
- 52 Education Policy Commission. "Chancellor" means Chancel-
- 53 lor for Community and Technical College Education where
- 54 the context refers to a function of the West Virginia Council
- 55 for Community and Technical College Education;
- 56 (k) "Institutional operating budget" or "operating budget"
- 57 means for any fiscal year an institution's total unrestricted
- 58 education and general funding from all sources in the prior
- 59 fiscal year, including, but not limited to, tuition and fees and
- 60 legislative appropriation, and any adjustments to that
- 61 funding as approved by the Commission or Council based on
- 62 comparisons with peer institutions or to reflect consistent
- 63 components of peer operating budgets;
- 64 (l) "Community and technical college education program"
- 65 means any college-level course or program beyond the high
- 66 school level provided through a public institution of higher
- 67 education resulting in or which may result in a two-year
- 68 associate degree award including an associate of arts, an
- 69 associate of science and an associate of applied science;
- 70 certificate programs and skill sets; developmental education;
- 71 continuing education; collegiate credit and noncredit
- 72 workforce development programs; and transfer and bacca-
- 73 laureate parallel programs. All programs are under the
- 74 jurisdiction of the Council. Any reference to "post-secondary
- 75 vocational education programs" means community and
- 76 technical college education programs as defined in this
- 77 subsection;
- 78 (m) "Rule" or "rules" means a regulation, standard, policy
- 79 or interpretation of general application and future effect;

- 80 (n) "Vice Chancellor for Administration" means the person
- 81 employed in accordance with section two, article four of this
- 82 chapter. Any reference in this chapter or chapter eighteen-c
- 83 of this code to "Senior Administrator" means Vice Chancel-
- 84 lor for Administration;
- 85 (o) "State college" means Bluefield State College, Concord
- 86 University, Fairmont State University, Glenville State
- 87 College, Shepherd University, West Liberty University or
- 88 West Virginia State University;
- 89 (p) "State institution of higher education" means any
- 90 university, college or community and technical college under
- 91 the jurisdiction of a governing board as that term is defined
- 92 in this section;
- 93 (q) "Board of visitors" means the advisory board previously
- 94 appointed for the West Virginia Graduate College and the
- 95 advisory board previously appointed for West Virginia
- 96 University Institute of Technology, which provide guidance
- 97 to the Marshall University Graduate College and West
- 98 Virginia University Institute of Technology, respectively;
- 99 (r) "Institutional compact" means the compact between the
- 100 Commission or Council and a state institution of higher
- 101 education under its jurisdiction, as described in section six,
- 102 article one-d of this chapter;
- 103 (s) "Peer institutions", "peer group" or "peers" means
- 104 public institutions of higher education used for comparison
- 105 purposes and selected by the Commission pursuant to section
- 106 three, article one-a of this chapter;
- 107 (t) "Administratively linked community and technical
- 108 college" means a state institution of higher education
- 109 delivering community and technical college education and
- 110 programs which has maintained a contractual agreement to
- 111 receive essential services from another accredited state
- 112 institution of higher education prior to July 1, 2008;
- 113 (u) "Sponsoring institution" means a state institution of
- 114 higher education that maintained an administrative link to

- 115 a community and technical college providing essential
- 116 services prior to July 1, 2008. This definition includes
- 117 institutions whose governing boards had under their juris-
- 118 diction a community and technical college, regional campus
- 119 or a division delivering community and technical college
- 120 education and programs;
- 121 (v) "Collaboration" means entering into an agreement with
- 122 one or more providers of education services in order to
- 123 enhance the scope, quality or efficiency of education ser-
- 124 vices:
- 125 (w) "Broker" or "brokering" means serving as an agent on
- 126 behalf of students, employers, communities or responsibility
- 127 areas to obtain education services not offered at that institu-
- 128 tion. These services include courses, degree programs or
- 129 other services contracted through an agreement with a
- 130 provider of education services either in-state or out-of-state;
- 131 (x) "Council" means the West Virginia Council for Commu-
- 132 nity and Technical College Education created pursuant to
- 133 article two-b of this chapter;
- 134 (y) "West Virginia Consortium for Undergraduate Research
- 135 and Engineering" or "West Virginia CURE" means the
- 136 collaborative planning group established pursuant to article
- 137 one-c of this chapter;
- 138 (z) "Advanced technology center" means a facility estab-
- 139 lished under the direction of an independent community and
- 140 technical college for the purpose of implementing and
- 141 delivering education and training programs for high-skill,
- 142 high-performance Twenty-first Century workplaces;
- 143 (aa) "Statewide network of independently accredited
- 144 community and technical colleges" or "community and
- 145 technical college network" means the state institutions of
- 146 higher education under the jurisdiction of the West Virginia
- 147 Council for Community and Technical College Education
- 148 which are independently accredited, each governed by its
- 149 own independent governing board, and each having a core

- 150 mission of providing affordable access to and delivering high
- 151 quality community and technical education in every region
- 152 of the state;
- 153 (bb) "Independent community and technical college"
- 154 means a state institution of higher education under the
- 155 jurisdiction of the Council which is independently accred-
- 156 ited, is governed by its own independent governing board,
- 157 and may not be operated as a branch or off-campus location
- 158 of any other state institution of higher education. This
- 159 definition includes Blue Ridge Community and Technical
- 160 College, Bridgemont Community and Technical College,
- 161 Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College,
- 162 Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College,
- 163 Mountwest Community and Technical College, New River
- 164 Community and Technical College, Pierpont Community and
- 165 Technical College, Southern West Virginia Community and
- 166 Technical College, West Virginia Northern Community and
- 167 Technical College, and West Virginia University at
- 168 Parkersburg; and
- 169 (cc) "Dual credit course" or "dual enrollment course"
- 170 means a credit-bearing college-level course offered in a high
- 171 school by a state institution of higher education for high
- 172 school students in which the students are concurrently
- 173 enrolled and receiving credit at the secondary level.

# ARTICLE 2A. INSTITUTIONAL BOARDS OF GOVERNORS.

# §18B-2A-1. Findings; composition of boards; terms and qualifications of members; vacancies; eligibility for reappointment.

- 1 (a) Findings. -
- 2 The Legislature finds that the State of West Virginia is
- 3 served best when the membership of each governing board
- 4 includes the following:
- 5 (1) The academic expertise and institutional experience of
- 6 faculty members and a student of the institution governed by
- 7 the board;

- 8 (2) The technical or professional expertise and institutional
- 9 experience of a classified employee of the institution gov-
- 10 erned by the board;
- 11 (3) An awareness and understanding of the issues facing
- 12 the institution governed by the board; and
- 13 (4) The diverse perspectives that arise from a membership
- 14 that is balanced in terms of gender and varied in terms of
- 15 race and ethnic heritage.
- 16 (b) Boards of Governors established. —
- 17 A Board of Governors is continued at each of the following
- 18 institutions: Bluefield State College, Blue Ridge Community
- 19 and Technical College, Bridgemont Community and Techni-
- 20 cal College, Concord University, Eastern West Virginia
- 21 Community and Technical College, Fairmont State Univer-
- 22 sity, Glenville State College, Kanawha Valley Community
- 23 and Technical College, Mountwest Community and Technical
- 24 College, Marshall University, New River Community and
- 25 Technical College, Pierpont Community and Technical
- 26 College, Shepherd University, Southern West Virginia
- 27 Community and Technical College, West Liberty University,
- 28 West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College,
- 29 the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, West
- 30 Virginia State University, West Virginia University and West
- 31 Virginia University at Parkersburg.
- 32 (c) Board Membership. —
- 33 (1) An appointment to fill a vacancy on the board or
- 34 reappointment of a member who is eligible to serve an
- 35 additional term is made in accordance with the provisions of
- 36 this section.
- 37 (2) The board of governors for Marshall University consists
- 38 of sixteen persons. The board of governors for West Virginia
- 39 University consists of seventeen persons. The boards of
- 40 governors of the other state institutions of higher education
- 41 consist of twelve persons.

- 42 (3) Each board of governors includes the following mem-43 bers:
- 44 (A) A full-time member of the faculty with the rank of
- 45 instructor or above duly elected by the faculty of the respec-
- 46 tive institution;
- 47 (B) A member of the student body in good academic
- 48 standing, enrolled for college credit work and duly elected by
- 49 the student body of the respective institution; and
- 50 (C) A member from the institutional classified employees
- 51 duly elected by the classified employees of the respective
- 52 institution:
- 53 (4) For the board of governors at Marshall University,
- 54 thirteen lay members appointed by the Governor, by and
- 55 with the advice and consent of the Senate, pursuant to this
- 56 section;
- 57 (5) For the board of governors at West Virginia University,
- 58 twelve lay members appointed by the Governor, by and with
- 59 the advice and consent of the Senate, pursuant to this
- 60 section, and additionally:
- 61 (A) The chairperson of the board of visitors of West
- 62 Virginia University Institute of Technology;
- 63 (B) A full-time faculty member representing the extension
- 64 service at the institution or a full-time faculty member
- 65 representing the health sciences, selected by the faculty
- 66 senate. (6) For each board of governors of the other state
- 67 institutions of higher education, nine lay members appointed
- 8 by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
- 69 Senate, pursuant to this section.
- 70 (A) Of the nine members appointed by the Governor, no
- 71 more than five may be of the same political party. Of the
- 72 thirteen members appointed by the Governor to the govern-
- 73 ing board of Marshall University, no more than eight may be
- 74 of the same political party. Of the twelve members appointed
- 75 by the Governor to the governing board of West Virginia

- 76 University, no more than seven may be of the same political party.
- 78 (B) Of the nine members appointed by the Governor, at 79 least five shall be residents of the state. Of the thirteen
- 80 members appointed by the Governor to the governing board
- 81 of Marshall University, at least eight shall be residents of the
- 82 state. Of the twelve members appointed by the Governor to
- 83 the governing board of West Virginia University, at least
- 84 seven shall be residents of the state.
- 85 (7) In making lay appointments, the Governor shall
- 86 consider the institutional mission and membership charac-
- 87 teristics including the following:
- 88 (A) The need for individual skills, knowledge and experi-
- 89 ence relevant to governing the institution;
- 90 (B) The need for awareness and understanding of institu-
- 91 tional problems and priorities, including those related to
- 92 research, teaching and outreach;
- 93 (C) The value of gender, racial and ethnic diversity; and
- 94 (D) The value of achieving balance in gender and diversity
- 95 in the racial and ethnic characteristics of the lay member-
- 96 ship of each board.
- 97 (d) Board member terms. -
- 98 (1) The student member serves for a term of one year. Each
- 99 term begins on July 1.
- 100 (2) The faculty member serves for a term of two years. Each
- 101 term begins on July 1. Faculty members are eligible to
- 102 succeed themselves for three additional terms, not to exceed
- 103 a total of eight consecutive years.
- 104 (3) The member representing classified employees serves
- 105 for a term of two years. Each term begins on July 1. Members
- 106 representing classified employees are eligible to succeed
- 107 themselves for three additional terms, not to exceed a total
- 108 of eight consecutive years.

- 109 (4) The appointed lay citizen members serve terms of up to
- 110 four years each and are eligible to succeed themselves for no
- 111 more than one additional term.
- 112 (5) A vacancy in an unexpired term of a member shall be
- 113 filled for the unexpired term within thirty days of the
- 114 occurrence of the vacancy in the same manner as the original
- 115 appointment or election. Except in the case of a vacancy, all
- 116 elections are held and all appointments are made no later
- 117 than June 30 preceding the commencement of the term. Each
- 118 board of governors shall elect one of its appointed lay
- 119 members to be chairperson in June of each year. A member
- 120 may not serve as chairperson for more than four consecutive
- 121 years.
- 122 (6) The appointed members of the boards of governors
- 123 serve staggered terms of up to four years except that four of
- 124 the initial appointments to the governing boards of commu-
- 125 nity and technical colleges that became independent July 1,
- 126 2008, are for terms of two years and five of the initial
- 127 appointments are for terms of four years.
- 128 (e) Board member eligibility, expenses. —
- 129 (1) A person is ineligible for appointment to membership
- 130 on a board of governors of a state institution of higher
- 131 education under the following conditions:
- 132 (A) For a baccalaureate institution or university, a person
- 133 is ineligible for appointment who is an officer, employee or
- member of any other board of governors; an employee of any
- 135 institution of higher education; an officer or member of any
- 136 political party executive committee; the holder of any other
- 137 public office or public employment under the government of
- this state or any of its political subdivisions; an employee of
- 139 any affiliated research corporation created pursuant to
- 140 article twelve of this chapter; an employee of any affiliated
- 141 foundation organized and operated in support of one or more
- 142 state institutions of higher education; or a member of the
- The state missibations of inglier caucation, of a member of the
- 143 council or commission. This subsection does not prevent the 144 representative from the faculty, classified employees,

- students or the superintendent of a county board of education from being members of the governing boards.
- 147 (B) For a community and technical college, a person is 148 ineligible for appointment who is an officer, employee or 149 member of any other board of governors; a member of a 150 board of visitors of any public institution of higher educa-151 tion; an employee of any institution of higher education; an 152 officer or member of any political party executive committee; 153 the holder of any other public office, other than an elected 154 county office, or public employment, other than employment 155 by the county board of education, under the government of 156 this state or any of its political subdivisions; an employee of 157 any affiliated research corporation created pursuant to 158 article twelve of this chapter; an employee of any affiliated 159 foundation organized and operated in support of one or more 160 state institutions of higher education; or a member of the 161 council or commission. This subsection does not prevent the 162 representative from the faculty, classified employees or 163 students from being members of the governing boards.
- 164 (2) Before exercising any authority or performing any 165 duties as a member of a governing board, each member shall 166 qualify as such by taking and subscribing to the oath of 167 office prescribed by section five, article IV of the Constitu-168 tion of West Virginia and the certificate thereof shall be filed 169 with the Secretary of State.
- 170 (3) A member of a governing board appointed by the 171 Governor may not be removed from office by the Governor 172 except for official misconduct, incompetence, neglect of duty 173 or gross immorality and then only in the manner prescribed 174 by law for the removal of the state elective officers by the 175 Governor.
- 176 (4) The members of the board of governors serve without 177 compensation, but are reimbursed for all reasonable and 178 necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of 179 official duties under this article upon presentation of an 180 itemized sworn statement of expenses.

- 181 (5) The president of the institution shall make available
- 182 resources of the institution for conducting the business of its
- 183 board of governors. All expenses incurred by the board of
- 184 governors and the institution under this section are paid
- 185 from funds allocated to the institution for that purpose.

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