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AN ACT to amend and reenact §21A-8-1 and §21A-8-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §21A-8-16, all relating to maintaining solvency of the Unemployment Compensation Fund; providing a mechanism for the Governor to borrow funds from the Revenue Center Construction Fund for a limited period of time and deposit those funds into the Unemployment Compensation Fund if the balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund drops below \$20 million; providing that no amount borrowed shall exceed \$20 million; and providing for repayment of such borrowed amounts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §21A-8-1 and §21A-8-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §21A-8-16, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 8. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND.

#### §21A-8-1. Establishment.

- 1 There is hereby established as a special fund, separate and
- 2 apart from all public moneys or funds of the state, an
- 3 Unemployment Compensation Fund. The fund shall consist
- 4 of:
- 5 (1) All payments collected under this chapter.
- 6 (2) Interest earned upon money in the fund.
- 7 (3) Property or securities acquired through the use of the
- 8 fund.
- 9 (4) Earnings of such property or securities.
- 10 (5) Amounts transferred from the Employment Security
- 11 Special Administration Fund.
- 12 (6) Any moneys loaned to the fund pursuant to section
- 13 sixteen of this article.
- 14 (7) Any moneys received from the federal unemployment
- 15 account in the Unemployment Trust Fund in accordance
- 16 with Title XII of the Social Security Act, as amended.
- 17 All money in the funds shall be mingled and undivided.
- 18 Any interest required to be paid on advances under Title
- 19 XII of the Social Security Act, as amended, shall be paid by
- 20 the date on which such interest is due. No interest shall be
- 21 paid directly or indirectly from amounts in the Unemploy-
- 22 ment Compensation Trust Fund.

#### §21A-8-10. Withdrawals.

- 1 Except as provided in section thirteen of this article,
- 2 money shall be requisitioned from this state's account in the
- 3 unemployment trust fund solely for the payment of benefits
- 4 and repayment of any loans outstanding from the Revenue
- 5 Center Construction Fund as provided in section sixteen of
- 6 this article. The commissioner may requisition from the
- 7 unemployment trust fund such amounts, not exceeding the

- 8 amount of the account, as the commissioner determines to be
- 9 necessary for the payment of benefits for a reasonable future
- 10 period or to repay a loan outstanding from the Revenue
- 11 Center Construction Fund as provided in section sixteen of
- 12 this article.
- 13 Upon receipt of the money the commissioner shall deposit
- 14 it in the benefit account.

# §21A-8-16. Loans to Unemployment Compensation Fund from Revenue Center Construction Fund.

- 1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the
- 2 contrary and subject to the provisions of this section, the
- 3 Governor is hereby authorized, by executive order, after first
- 4 notifying the presiding officers of both houses of the Legisla-
- 5 ture in writing, to borrow funds from the Revenue Center
- 6 Construction Fund created by chapter nineteen, acts of the
- 7 Legislature, first extraordinary session, two thousand six, for
- 8 deposit into the Unemployment Compensation Fund, created
- 9 in section one of this article, to be expended in accordance
- 10 with this code. The amount of funds borrowed and outstand-
- 11 ing under this section may not exceed \$20 million at any one
- 12 time, or the amount the Governor determines is necessary to
- 13 adequately sustain the balance in the Unemployment
- 14 Compensation Fund at a minimum of \$20 million, whichever
- 15 is less.
- 16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this
- 17 section, the Governor may not borrow funds from the
- 18 Revenue Center Construction Fund unless the Executive
- 19 Director of Workforce West Virginia has projected that the
- 20 balance in the state's Unemployment Compensation Fund
- 21 will be less than \$20 million at any time during the next
- 22 thirty days.
- 23 (c) Any funds borrowed pursuant to this subsection shall
- 24 be repaid from funds on deposit in the Unemployment Trust
- 25 Fund in excess of \$20 million or from other funds legally
- 26 available for such purpose, without interest, and redeposited

- 27 to the credit of the Revenue Center Construction Fund
- 28 within one-hundred-eighty days of their withdrawal.
- 29 (d) No amounts may be borrowed pursuant to the provi-
- 30 sions of this section after September 1, 2011.

| The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. |
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