

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2023 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

## **House Bill 3111**

By Delegates Linville, Cannon, Hanshaw (Mr.  
Speaker), Phillips, Hardy, Summers, and Keaton

[Introduced January 27, 2023; Referred to the  
Committee on Political Subdivisions then Technology  
and Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section  
2 article, designated §5B-2N-1 and §5B-2N-2, relating to establishing Infrastructure Ready  
3 Jurisdictions; establishing the requirement for this designation; establishing rulemaking for  
4 these Infrastructure Ready Jurisdictions for the Office of Economic Development; and  
5 awarding an additional five percent preferential scoring for these jurisdictions on all  
6 permissible grants.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 **ARTICLE 2N. INFRASTRUCTURE READY JURISDCITIONS.**

**§5B-2N-1. Process.**

1 (a) Any political subdivision of this state which refrains from enacting any permitting  
2 requirements other than those contained in this Code may apply to the Office of Economic  
3 Development for a designation as an Infrastructure Ready Jurisdiction.

4 (b) The Office of Economic Development is hereby authorized to promulgate rules  
5 governing the process for certification as an Infrastructure Ready Jurisdiction.

**§5B-2N-2. Benefits.**

1 Any political subdivision of this state which is certified as an Infrastructure Ready  
2 Jurisdiction shall receive 5 percent preferential scoring on all grants permitted by or mandated by  
3 any provision of this Code or by any portion of the Code of State Regulations, unless such  
4 preferential scoring is explicitly forbidden by other grant conditions.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish Infrastructure Ready Jurisdictions; establish rulemaking; and award an additional five percent preferential scoring for these jurisdictions on all permissible grants.

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