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for

House Bill 3224

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[Passed March 9, 2023; in effect ninety days from passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §18C-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to adding West Virginia Junior College to the updated list of eligible institutions that may
3 accept PROMISE scholarship recipients.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 7. WEST VIRGINIA PROVIDING REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAXIMIZING
IN-STATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

§18C-7-3. Definitions.

1 (a) *General.* — For the purposes of this article, terms have the meaning ascribed to them
2 in §18C-1-2 of this code, unless the context in which the term is used clearly requires a different
3 meaning or a specific definition is provided in this section.

4 (b) *Definitions.* — (1) "Eligible institution" means:

5 (A) A state institution of higher education as defined in §18B-1-2 of this code;

6 (B) Alderson-Broaddus University, Appalachian Bible College, Bethany College, Davis
7 and Elkins College, the University of Charleston, West Virginia Wesleyan College and Wheeling
8 University, all in West Virginia. Any institution listed in this subdivision ceases to be an eligible
9 institution if it meets either of the following conditions:

10 (i) It loses regional accreditation; or

11 (ii) It changes its status as a private, not-for-profit institution;

12 (C) West Virginia Junior College; and

13 (D) Any other public or private regionally accredited institution in this state approved by
14 the commission.

15 (2) "Tuition" means the quarter, semester or term charges imposed by an eligible state
16 institution of higher education and, additionally, all mandatory fees required as a condition of
17 enrollment by all students. For the purposes of this article, the following conditions apply:

18 (A) West Virginia University, Potomac State College and West Virginia University Institute
19 of Technology are considered separate institutions for purposes of determining tuition rates; and

20 (B) The tuition amount paid by undergraduate health sciences students at West Virginia
21 University is considered to be the same as the amount of tuition paid by all other West Virginia
22 University undergraduate students.

23 (3) "Enrolled" means either currently enrolled or in the process of enrolling in an eligible
24 institution.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Day of, 2023.

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Governor