

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 876

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to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §11-10-28, relating to terminating certain requirements for the Tax
3 Commissioner to submit reports, publish information, and provide notice; and specifying
4 effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 10. WEST VIRGINIA TAX PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION ACT.

§11-10-28. Efficiency in Tax Division reporting.

1 (a) The Legislature recognizes that certain statutory requirements for legislative reports
2 have become redundant, inefficient, and no longer serve the purpose for which they were
3 originally intended; the continuing requirement for numerous legislative reports imposes
4 unnecessary burdens on both state agencies and legislative bodies, diverting valuable resources
5 away from core functions; many of these reports are rarely used by lawmakers in the legislative
6 process, fail to result in actionable policy changes, and contribute to the growing backlog of
7 unreviewed and underutilized documents; the requirement to produce these reports has proven
8 to be a wasteful expenditure of time, taxpayer funds, and personnel, without producing a tangible
9 benefit to the legislative decision-making process or the public; and the Legislature has a
10 responsibility to ensure that state government operates in the most effective, efficient, and
11 transparent manner possible, and should focus on legislative activities and reports that directly
12 support policymaking and serve the public interest. Therefore, the Legislature finds that the repeal
13 of certain code sections related to unnecessary legislative reports will reduce administrative
14 burdens, improve the allocation of state resources, and increase the efficiency of legislative
15 functions, ultimately promoting a more streamlined and responsive government.

16 (b) Requirements in the following sections of this code for the Tax Commissioner to submit
17 reports, publish information, or provide notice shall not apply for any period on or after January 1,
18 2025:

19 (1) The report on certified capital additions provided for in §11-6F-4;

(2) The report of the Criminal Investigation Division pursuant to §11-9-2a;

(3) The reports relating to certain confidential taxpayer information provided for in §11-10-

5s(b);

(4) The report relating to the automated tax administration system pursuant to §11-10C-

4;

(5) The report related to the Business Investment and Jobs Expansion Tax Credit provided
for in §11-13C-7a;

(6) The Economic Opportunity Tax Credit Review and Accountability report required by
§11-13Q-20;

(7) The Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit Review and Accountability report required
by §11-13S-10;

(8) The High Growth Business Investment Tax Credit Review and Accountability report
required by §11-13U-8;

(9) The Manufacturing Property Tax Adjustment Credit report required by §11-13Y-8;

(10) The Commercial Patent Incentives Tax Credit Review and Accountability report
required by §11-13AA-9;

(11) The Mine Safety Technology Tax Credit Review and Accountability report required
by §11-13BB-11;

(12) The Farm to Food Bank Tax Credit report required by §11-13DD-6;

(13) The Coal Severance Tax Rebate report required by §11-13EE-13;

(14) The Tax Credit for Donation or Sale of a Vehicle Tax Credit Review report required
by §11-13FF-6;

(15) The Natural Gas Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit Review and Accountability
report required by §11-13GG-15;

(16) The West Virginia Natural Gas Liquids Property Tax Adjustment Tax Credit report
required by §11-13HH-8;

46 (17) The West Virginia Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Review report required by §11-
47 13JJ-6;

48 (18) The West Virginia Tax Credit for Federal Excise Tax Credit Review and Accountability
49 report required by §11-13KK-12; and

50 (19) The West Virginia Property Tax Adjustment Act Annual report required by §11-13MM-
51 7;

52 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Tax Commissioner from providing information
53 and reporting as a part of the biennial report required to be filed by §11-1-4, the tax expenditure
54 reports required to be filed under §11-10-5s, or otherwise as is deemed useful or necessary.