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Committee Substitute

for

House Bill 4010

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26, 2026]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section
2 designated §31-15-23b, relating to providing a statutory program for providing financial
3 assistance to local airports for airplane hangar construction in this state.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 15. WEST VIRGINIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

§31-15-23b. Airport hangar grant program.

1 (a) There is hereby created a special revenue fund in the State Treasury known as the
2 Airport Hangar Development Fund. The fund shall consist of all moneys transferred to the fund
3 pursuant to this section from the Economic Development Project Fund; gifts, grants, and
4 contributions to the fund; any earnings or interest accruing to the fund; and any other moneys
5 appropriated to the fund by the Legislature. The authority may invest and reinvest moneys in the
6 fund with the West Virginia Investment Management Board or the Board of Treasury Investments.

7 (b) On or before July 1, 2026, the authority shall transfer \$75 million from the Economic
8 Development Project Fund to the Airport Hangar Development Fund.

9 (c) The authority shall use moneys in the Airport Hangar Development Fund to spur
10 economic development in aviation repair, overhaul, assembly, and maintenance by providing
11 grants for the construction of wide bodied hangars at airports located within the state. On or
12 before September 1, 2026, the authority shall establish the Airport Hangar Grant Program. The
13 program shall offer grants to counties, municipalities, and regional airport authorities located within
14 the state to fund the planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation
15 of wide-body hangar facilities owned or operated or to be owned or operated by the counties,
16 municipalities, or regional airport authorities receiving the grants.

17 (d) The authority shall establish criteria for awarding of grants.

18 (e) Grants may only be given for hangars with a minimum clear width of 250 feet, clear
19 depth of 225 feet, and clear height of 75 feet. Preference shall be given to hangars with a
20 minimum clear width of 350 feet, clear depth of 330 feet, and clear height of 90 feet. Preference

21 shall also be given to airports with higher pavement classification ratings, runways over 7000
22 linear feet and larger proposed hangar size.

23 (f) Applications for grants shall include proposed concept plans and site plans for a
24 proposed hangar and demonstrate the airport's capability to locate the hangar with runway and
25 taxiway access. Applications for grants shall include important airport characteristics, including,
26 but not limited to, available property for the hangar and expansion for new business development,
27 runway length, runway width, landing distance area, take-off runway area, pavement
28 classification, rating of runway, and other relevant information important to the applicant.

29 (g) The authority may cooperate with the offices of the West Virginia Division of Multimodal
30 Transportation Facilities, the Department of Commerce, and other state and local agencies to
31 explore all available opportunities for funding such hangar projects.

32 (h) The authority may limit the number of participating airports in the pilot project program
33 based on availability of allocated funds.

34 (i) The authority shall set the rules and conditions for participating airports based on
35 available funding.

36 (j) On July 1 of each year, the authority shall annually provide a full summary report digitally
37 of the status of the loan program to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.