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Charleston, West Virginia, Friday, April 11, 2025

The Senate met at 11:20 a.m.

(Senator Smith, Mr. President, in the Chair.)

Prayer was offered by the Honorable Mark R. Maynard, a senator from the sixth district.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Brian Helton, a senator from the ninth district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Thursday, April 10, 2025,

At the request of Senator Clements, unanimous consent being granted, the Journal was approved and the further reading thereof dispensed with.

The Senate proceeded to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

The Senate then proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

**Eng. Senate Bill 734**, Repealing section creating A. James Manchin Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

**Eng. Senate Bill 738**, Terminating Employee Suggestion Award Board.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 746**, Allowing State Board of Education to delegate its Medicaid provider status to public charter schools.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 844**, Exempting non-native quail and partridge from game farm requirement if owned for agricultural purposes.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the passage of

**Eng. Senate Bill 876**, Terminating certain requirements for Tax Commissioner to submit reports, publish information, and provide notice.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the changed effective date, to take effect from passage, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2002**, Establishing One Stop Shop Permitting Process.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to, and the passage as amended, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2003**, Prohibiting Cell phones in class.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 2165**, Allowing disabled purple heart recipients park free at municipal metered parking spaces.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect July 1, 2025, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2499**, Training course for principals in public schools; informing teachers of their rights and protections; IEP format.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment to, and the passage as amended, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2752**, Relating to motorcycle safety.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the changed effective date, to take effect from passage, of

**Eng. House Bill 2773**, Higher Ed Rules.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2866**, Relating to fees and charges for municipality provided fire services.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 2867**, Relating to Small Estates.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, to take effect from passage, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2889**, To permit a fairness hearing exemption to the registration requirements of the Uniform Securities Act.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3024**, Guaranteed course transfer bill.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 3080**, Military Spouse hiring preference.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 3156**, Create exemption for Legislature for reporting requirements in Shared Services Section.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments to, and the passage as amended with its Senate amended title, of

**Eng. House Bill 3389**, Exclude the Department of Tourism as a Governmental agency.

### **Executive Communications**

Senator Smith (Mr. President) laid before the Senate the following communication from His Excellency, the Governor, consisting of executive nominations for appointees:



*Patrick Morrisey*  
*Office of the Governor*

April 10, 2025

**Senate Executive Message No. 5**  
**Regular Session 2025**

TO: The Honorable Members of the  
West Virginia Senate

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the following nominations for your advice and consent:

1. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Administration, the Honorable Eric Householder, Martinsburg, Berkeley County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
2. For Curator and Acting Secretary, West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History, Ennis Smith, Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
3. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Commerce, Dr. Matthew L. Herridge, Williamstown, Wood County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
4. For Acting Secretary, West Virginia Department of Economic Development, Michael R. Graney, Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
5. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Harold D. Ward, Lake, Logan County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.

6. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Health, Dr. Arvinjit Singh, EdD, MBA, MPH, MS, FACHE, Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
7. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Human Services, Alex Mayer, Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
8. For Adjutant General, West Virginia National Guard, Major General James D. Seward, Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
9. For Acting Executive Director, West Virginia Parkways Authority, Parrish T. French, Winfield, Putnam County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
10. For Acting Director, West Virginia Public Employee Insurance Agency, Jason A. Haught, Culloden, Putnam County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
11. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue, the Honorable Eric Nelson Jr., Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
12. For Superintendent, West Virginia State Police, James L. Mitchell, Mount Hope, Fayette County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
13. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Transportation, and Commissioner of the Division of Highways, Stephen Todd Rumbaugh P.E., Winifrede, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
14. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Tourism, Chelsea A. Ruby, Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
15. For Secretary, West Virginia Department of Veterans' Assistance, the Honorable Edward Ryan Kennedy, Clarksburg, Harrison County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
16. For Commissioner, West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services, the Honorable Dianna Graves, Charleston, Kanawha County, to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor.
17. For Member, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors, the Honorable Sonya M. Dingess Porter, Chapmanville, Logan County, for the term ending June 30, 2027.

18. For Member, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College Board of Governors, Scotty Dingess, Chapmanville, Logan County, for the term ending June 30, 2026.

Sincerely,



Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

PM: SW, MF

cc: Clerk of the Senate  
Senate Confirmations Chair

Which communication was received and referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

On motion of Senator Boley, consideration of the nominations immediately hereinbefore reported was made a special order of business for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

The Senate proceeded to the seventh order of business.

**Senate Resolution 49**, Recognizing May 8, 2025, as World Red Cross Day and Red Crescent Day.

On unfinished business, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Takubo, unanimous consent being granted, reference of the resolution to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2014**, Certified Microgrid Program.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the unreported Economic Development committee amendment pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for further amendments to be received on third reading, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was deferred until the conclusion of bills on today's second reading calendar.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2054**, Relating to liability of vendors in private farmers markets.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Barrett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Fuller, Garcia, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—22.

The nays were: Azinger, Bartlett, Chapman, Deeds, Grady, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Taylor, and Thorne—12.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2054) passed.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2054**—A Bill to amend and reenact §60-4-3a, §60-7-2, §60-7-3, §60-7-8c, §60-7-8d, §60-7-8e, §60-7-8g, §60-8-2, and §60-8-32a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, amending liquor sampling requirements; revising definitions; addressing and making minor corrections in the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration ("ABCA") code sections correcting mistakes relating to a \$100 requirement for canned or

packaged food; removing the requirement that a private farmers market or private food court with two or more unrelated vendors applying for a license must certify that all vendors have agreed to liability responsibility therein and removing the requirement that a private farmers market or private food court provide a written copy of the agreement between all vendors acknowledging that each vendor is jointly and severally liable for any violations; authorizing the use of self-pour automated systems for nonintoxicating beer, cider, and wine by the drink on licensee premises; removing the requirement that a joint and several liability agreement be executed between the multiple vendors at a multi-vender fair or festival; regulating private clubs sale and service of alcoholic and non-intoxicating beverages; providing limitations on sealed craft cocktail or wine growlers sold to persons who have dined in an establishment, or a patron who is in vehicle while picking up food or a meal and ordered a sealed craft cocktail or wine growler; clarifying and expanding the types of licensed entities authorized to participate in a duly permitted private outdoor designated area ("PODA"); defining terms; exempting certain licensees from certain fees; authorizing consumer activity within a PODA; authorizing a new S4N license for qualified nonprofits; authorizing S1, S2, and S3 licensees to participate in a private outdoor designated area on the premises of a participating Class S4 permit holder upon written invitation of the Class S4 permit holder; correcting mistaken listed percentage for fortified wine; all generally relating to the licensing, sale and service of alcoholic liquor, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, wine, cider, craft and cocktails as beverages or sealed containers, and where same may be sold and served.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2066**, Creating a crime for the destruction of first responder equipment.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Roberts—1.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2066) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2121**, Deceased Disabled Veteran Real Property Exemption for Widowed Spouses.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin,

Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2121) passed.

The following amendment to the title of the bill, from the Committee on Military, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2121**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13MM-2 and §11-13MM-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for a real property tax credit for eligible widowed spouses of disabled veteran taxpayers.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2164**, To allow for public and private schools in West Virginia to employ security personnel.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was deferred until the conclusion of bills on today's third reading calendar.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2267**, Authorizing Department of Revenue to Promulgate Legislative Rules.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rucker, Takubo, Tarr, Weld, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—22.

The nays were: Azinger, Chapman, Grady, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Taylor, Thorne, and Willis—12.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2267) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: Bartlett—1.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2267) takes effect from passage.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 2344**, Relating generally to traffic safety.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2344) passed.

The following amendment to the title of the bill, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 2344**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-14-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring drivers take certain actions when approaching stationary vehicles that display a warning signal; providing for fine, confinement, and suspension of driving privileges.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2349**, To offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients receiving methadone and suboxone at the treatment facility for the methadone and suboxone.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2351**, Relating to compensation for panel attorneys.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the unreported Health and Human Resources committee amendments pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for further amendments to be received on third reading, was read a third time.

The following amendments to the bill, from the Committee on Health and Human Resources, were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 3, section 13a, line 65, by striking out "§29-21-6(h)" and inserting in lieu thereof "§29-21-6(i)";

And,

On page 6, section 13a, line 131, by striking out "§12-8-11" and inserting in lieu thereof "§12-3-11".

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2351, as just amended, was then put upon its passage.

Senator Garcia requested a ruling from the Chair as to whether he should be excused from voting under Rule 43 of the Rules of the Senate as he serves as a court-appointed attorney.

The Chair replied that any impact on Senator Garcia would be as a member of a class of persons and that he would be required to vote.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2351) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2351) takes effect July 1, 2025.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 2358**, Relating to postmortem examinations.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2358) passed.

On motion of Senator Rucker, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 2358**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-12-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to postmortem examinations; establishing time periods for conducting autopsies; and setting time period for providing report of autopsies to certain individuals.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2451**, To facilitate the creation of home-based businesses.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was deferred until the conclusion of bills on today's third reading calendar, following consideration of Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 2164, already placed in that position.

**Eng. House Bill 2511**, Relating to charitable bingo and alcohol sales and consumption while such bingo is taking places.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Barrett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Fuller, Garcia, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, and Woodrum—23.

The nays were: Azinger, Bartlett, Deeds, Grady, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Taylor, and Smith (Mr. President)—11.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2511) passed.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 2511**—A Bill to amend and reenact §47-20-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931 as amended; relating to charitable bingo and alcohol or nonintoxicating beer sales and consumption while such bingo is taking place; adding an exemption for the consumption or sale of alcohol or nonintoxicating beer at bingo games conducted on the premises of a fraternal beneficiary society, domestic fraternal society, veteran's organization, or volunteer fire department.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, the Senate returned to the consideration of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2054**, Relating to liability of vendors in private farmers markets.

Passed by the Senate in earlier proceedings today,

The bill still being in the possession of the Senate,

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—27.

The nays were: Azinger, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, and Taylor—7.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2054) takes effect from passage.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein

**Eng. House Bill 2575**, Relating to the establishment of a full-time Dementia Services Director position.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2575) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2634**, To double the criminal penalty for anyone found guilty of sexual assault on a minor.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2634) passed.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2634**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8B-5, §61-8B-9, §61-8D-5 and §61-8D-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to increasing the criminal penalties for the offenses of sexual assault in the third degree, sexual abuse in the third degree, and for sending, distributing, exhibiting, possessing, displaying, or transporting material by a parent, guardian, or custodian, or person in a position of trust, depicting a child engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and increasing the criminal penalty for and adding attempt to the offense of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian, or person in a position of trust to a child.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2695**, Raleigh and Mason Counties Economic Opportunity Development Districts.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the unreported Economic Development committee amendment pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for further amendments to be received on third reading, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was deferred until consideration of Engrossed House Bill 3492, on today's third reading calendar, has been concluded.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2718**, Relating to creating a State Advisory Council on Establishing a Military College.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for amendments to be received on third reading, was read a third time.

On motion of Senator Oliverio, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page 2, section 12, line 20, after the word "Governor", by changing the period to a comma and the words "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

On motion of Senator Weld, the following amendments to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2718) were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 2, section 12, line 23, after the word "following" by striking out the word "three" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four";

And,

On page 2, section 12, line 25, after the word "designee;" by striking out the word "and";

And,

On page 2, section 12, line 26, after the word "designee" by inserting the following: "; and (4) A representative of a West Virginia, private, not-for-profit higher education institution."

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2718, as just amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2718) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 2802**, Relating to in-service training credits for law-enforcement officers.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2802) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2836**, Relating to wild animal rehabilitation permits.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2836 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: Chapman, Rucker, and Thorne—3.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2836) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961**, To amend the law concerning ownership and possession of real property.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2961) passed.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2961**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding a new article, designated §37-3A-1, §37-3A-2, §37-3A-3, §37-3A-4, and §37-3A-5, relating to prohibiting ownership and possession of real property by foreign adversaries; providing definitions; prohibiting the People's Republic of China and its citizens who are not resident aliens or citizens of the United States from acquiring, owning, or transferring any real

estate or mineral interests in West Virginia; prohibiting foreign governments, entities, and individuals that have been identified by a majority of Governor, Treasurer, Agriculture Commissioner, Auditor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, as hostile to the interests of the United States or the State of West Virginia from owning real estate or mineral interests in the state; providing Governor with tie-breaking vote; requiring forbidden entities that own real estate on effective date of article to divest within six months; requiring prohibited businesses that acquire property in violation of article to divest that property within six months; designating judicial sale process to force sale of illegally owned real estate; requiring notice of judicial sale; and establishing good faith protections.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2963**, To ensure that the survivor of a merger, reorganization, purchase, or assumption of liabilities of a bank chartered by West Virginia is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Senator Morris requested a ruling from the Chair as to whether he should be excused from voting under Rule 43 of the Rules of the Senate as he is a member of a West Virginia chartered community bank.

The Chair replied that any impact on Senator Morris would be as a member of a class of persons and that he would be required to vote.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2963) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3014**, Relating generally to liability of hospital police.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3014) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3016**, Photo voter ID.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Garcia and Woelfel—2.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3016) passed.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3016**—A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-34 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to identification required for voting; modifying the types of valid identifying documents by requiring a photograph on the identification presented by the voter; providing exception to requirement that valid identifying document contain photograph; eliminating certain types of identification as a valid identifying document for purposes of voting; and permitting use of an expired identifying document under certain circumstances.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3111**, To provide pay increases to members of the judiciary.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3111) passed.

On motion of Senator Barrett, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3111**—A Bill to amend and reenact §51-1-10a, §51-2-13, §51-2A-6, §51-9-4, §51-9-6, §51-9-6a, §51-9-6b, and §51-11-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §51-9-6c and §51-9-6d of said code, relating to salaries and retirement benefits of judges; increasing annual salary of justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals, circuit court judges, family court judges, and judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; suspending contribution of courts into judicial retirement system until certain condition met; providing for retirees under post-2005 retirement system to be treated as pre-2005 retirement system retirees; providing for actuarially reduced pension benefit for judges in certain circumstances; increasing surviving spouse plan benefit for certain judges; eliminating limitation on retirement benefit increases; and eliminating distinction between certain judges for purposes of calculating surviving spouse plan benefits, surviving dependent children plan benefits, and adjusted annual retirement benefit.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3111) takes effect July 1, 2025.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3125**, To remove restrictions from teachers receiving permanent teaching licenses.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for amendments to be received on third reading, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was deferred until the conclusion of bills on today's second reading calendar, following consideration of Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014, already placed in that position.

**Eng. House Bill 3162**, Providing that causes of action under Chapter 46A of the Code of West Virginia survive the death of the party.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed House Bill 3162 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3162) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3174**, Requiring municipalities take actions when potential customers apply for water and sewer service.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the Finance committee amendment pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for other amendments to be received on third reading, was read a third time.

At the request of Senator Barrett, as chair of the Committee on Finance, and by unanimous consent, the Finance committee amendment to the bill (*shown in the Senate Journal of yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, pages 155 to 166, inclusive*) was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Barrett, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### **CHAPTER 8. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.**

#### **ARTICLE 19. MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WATERWORKS AND ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS.**

##### **PART V. GRANTS, LOANS, ADVANCES AND AGREEMENTS; CUMULATIVE AUTHORITY.**

#### **§8-19-17. Grants, loans, advances and agreements.**

(a) As an alternative to, or in conjunction with, the issuance of revenue bonds authorized by this article, any municipality or county commission is hereby empowered and authorized to accept loans or grants and procure loans or temporary advances evidenced by notes or other negotiable instruments issued in the manner, and subject to the privileges and limitations, set forth with respect to bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, or otherwise enter into agreement, including, but not limited to, agreements of indemnity, assurance or guarantee with respect to, and for the purpose of financing part or all of, the cost of acquisition, construction, establishment, extension or equipment of waterworks or electric power systems and the construction of additions, betterments and improvements to existing waterworks systems or to

existing electric power systems, and for the other purposes herein authorized, from or with any authorized agency of the state or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or any private agency, corporation or individual, which loans or temporary advances, including the interest thereon, or the municipality's or county's financial obligations contained in such other agreements, which need not bear interest, may be repaid out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, the revenues of or proceeds from the said waterworks system or electric power system or grants to the municipality or county commission from any agency of the state or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or any private agency, corporation or individual or from any combination of such sources of payment, and may be secured in the manner provided in §8-19-8, §8-19-9, and §8-19-16 of this article to secure bonds issued under the provisions of this article, but shall not otherwise be subject to the requirements of §8-19-11 and §8-19-12 of this article, and to enter into the necessary contracts and agreements to carry out the purposes hereof with any agency of the state, the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States, or with any private agency, corporation or individual.

In no event shall any such loan or temporary advance or agreement be a general obligation of the municipality or county and such loans or temporary advances or agreements, including the interest thereon, shall be paid solely from the sources specified in this section.

(b) When potential customers apply for water or sewer service from the municipality, the municipality must determine the cost of the extension and the customer cost responsibility for the cost of the extension (customer share) in accordance with rules of the Public Service Commission. Once the cost and customer share are determined, if those potential customers wish to continue, and they, or any person or entity desiring to do so, provide an up-front customer contribution for the customer share of the extension costs, then the municipality shall extend service pursuant to the rules of the Public Service Commission. If, before continuing with the extension, the potential customers request that the municipality make application for grant funds to finance the total costs of the extension, then the potential customers, or any person or entity desiring to do so, must provide funds to cover the cost of the application, and, once provided, the municipality shall then apply through the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council for any available funding.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code to the contrary, if a grant or grants are awarded that cover the total costs for a project to extend service to unserved potential customers, the municipality is required to extend service to said potential customers after the potential customers have paid any required fees, including their required contributions. Grant funds shall be used to reimburse the potential customers or any other person or entity who were contributors for any front contributions, including, but not limited to, the cost of the application, in accordance with the rules of the Public Service Commission, including the rule that reimbursements will not exceed the original amount of the customer contribution.

## **ARTICLE 20. COMBINED SYSTEMS.**

### **§8-20-16. Grants, loans and advances.**

(a) Any municipality is hereby empowered and authorized to accept loans or grants and procure loans or temporary advances evidenced by notes or other negotiable instruments issued in the manner, and subject to the privileges and limitations, set forth with respect to bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, for the purpose of paying part or all of

the cost of acquisition, construction, establishment, extension, or equipment of combined systems and the construction of additions, betterments, and improvements thereto, and for the other purposes herein authorized, from any authorized agency of the state or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or any private agency, corporation or individual, which loans or temporary advances, including the interest thereon, may be repaid out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, the revenues of the said combined system or grants to the municipality from any agency of the state or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or any private agency, corporation or individual or from any combination of such sources of payment, and to enter into the necessary contracts and agreements to carry out the purposes hereof with any agency of the state, the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States, or with any private agency, corporation or individual. Any other provisions of this article notwithstanding, interest on any loans or temporary advances may be paid from the proceeds thereof until the maturity of the notes or other negotiable instrument.

In no event shall any loan or temporary advance be a general obligation of the municipality and the loans or temporary advances, including the interest thereon, shall be paid solely from the sources specified in this section.

(b) When potential customers apply for water or sewer service from the municipality, the municipality must determine the cost of the extension and the customer cost responsibility for the cost of the extension (customer share) in accordance with rules of the Public Service Commission. Once the cost and customer share are determined, if those potential customers wish to continue, and they, or any person or entity desiring to do so, provide an up-front customer contribution for the customer share of the extension costs, then the municipality shall extend service pursuant to the rules of the Public Service Commission. If, before continuing with the extension, the potential customers request that the municipality make application for grant funds to finance the total costs of the extension, then the potential customers, or any person or entity desiring to do so, must provide funds to cover the cost of the application, and, once provided, the municipality shall then apply through the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council for any available funding.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code to the contrary, if a grant or grants are awarded that cover the total costs for a project to extend service to unserved potential customers, the municipality is required to extend service to said potential customers after the potential customers have paid any required fees, including their required contributions. Grant funds shall be used to reimburse the potential customers or any other person or entity who were contributors for any front contributions, including, but not limited to, the cost of the application, in accordance with the rules of the Public Service Commission, including the rule that reimbursements will not exceed the original amount of the customer contribution.

## **CHAPTER 16. PUBLIC HEALTH.**

### **ARTICLE 1. STATE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM.**

#### **§16-1-4. Proposal of rules by the secretary.**

(a) The secretary may propose legislative rules in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code that include:

(1) Land usage endangering the public health: *Provided*, That no rules may be promulgated or enforced restricting the subdivision or development of any parcel of land within which the individual tracts, lots, or parcels exceed two acres each in total surface area and which individual tracts, lots, or parcels have an average frontage of not less than 150 feet even though the total surface area of the tract, lot, or parcel equals or exceeds two acres in total surface area, and which tracts are sold, leased, or utilized only as single-family dwelling units. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, nothing in this section may be construed to abate the authority of the department to:

(A) Restrict the subdivision or development of a tract for any more intense or higher density occupancy than a single-family dwelling unit;

(B) Propose or enforce rules applicable to single-family dwelling units for single-family dwelling unit sanitary sewerage disposal systems; or

(C) Restrict any subdivision or development which might endanger the public health, the sanitary condition of streams, or sources of water supply.

(2) The sanitary condition of all institutions and schools, whether public or private, public conveyances, dairies, slaughterhouses, workshops, factories, labor camps, all other places open to the general public and inviting public patronage or public assembly, or tendering to the public any item for human consumption and places where trades or industries are conducted;

(3) Occupational and industrial health hazards, the sanitary conditions of streams, sources of water supply, sewerage facilities, and plumbing systems and the qualifications of personnel connected with any of those facilities, without regard to whether the supplies or systems are publicly or privately owned; and the design of all water systems, plumbing systems, sewerage systems, sewage treatment plants, excreta disposal methods, and swimming pools in this state, whether publicly or privately owned-: *Provided, however, That the secretary may not promulgate rules that require a public water supply system or business to have backflow prevention assemblies inspected more frequently than once in three years for a low-hazard system, which is defined as a hazard that could cause aesthetic problems or have a detrimental secondary effect on the quality of the public potable water supply. A high-hazard system, which is defined as a hazard that is conducive to the introduction of waterborne disease organisms, or harmful chemical, physical, or radioactive substances into a public water system, and that presents an unreasonable risk to health, shall be inspected annually.*

(4) Safe drinking water, including:

(A) The maximum contaminant levels to which all public water systems must conform in order to prevent adverse effects on the health of individuals and, if appropriate, treatment techniques that reduce the contaminant or contaminants to a level which will not adversely affect the health of the consumer. The rule shall contain provisions to protect and prevent contamination of wellheads and well fields used by public water supplies so that contaminants do not reach a level that would adversely affect the health of the consumer;

(B) The minimum requirements for: sampling and testing; system operation; public notification by a public water system on being granted a variance or exemption, or upon failure to comply with specific requirements of this section and rules promulgated under this section; record keeping; laboratory certification; as well as procedures and conditions for granting variances and exemptions to public water systems from state public water systems rules; and

(C) The requirements covering the production and distribution of bottled drinking water and may establish requirements governing the taste, odor, appearance, and other consumer acceptability parameters of drinking water;

(5) Food and drug standards, including cleanliness, proscription of additives, proscription of sale, and other requirements in accordance with §16-7-1 *et seq.* of this code as are necessary to protect the health of the citizens of this state;

(6) The training and examination requirements for emergency medical service attendants and emergency medical care technician-paramedics; the designation of the health care facilities, health care services, and the industries and occupations in the state that must have emergency medical service attendants and emergency medical care technician-paramedics employed, and the availability, communications and equipment requirements with respect to emergency medical service attendants and to emergency medical care technician-paramedics. Any regulation of emergency medical service attendants and emergency medical care technician-paramedics may not exceed the provisions of §16-4C-1 *et seq.* of this code;

(7) The health and sanitary conditions of establishments commonly referred to as bed and breakfast inns. For purposes of this article, "bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment providing sleeping accommodations and, at a minimum, a breakfast for a fee. The secretary may not require an owner of a bed and breakfast providing sleeping accommodations of six or fewer rooms to install a restaurant-style or commercial food service facility. The secretary may not require an owner of a bed and breakfast providing sleeping accommodations of more than six rooms to install a restaurant-type or commercial food service facility if the entire bed and breakfast inn or those rooms numbering above six are used on an aggregate of two weeks or less per year;

(8) Fees for services provided by the Bureau for Public Health including, but not limited to, laboratory service fees, environmental health service fees, health facility fees, and permit fees;

(9) The collection of data on health status, the health system, and the costs of health care;

(10) The distribution of state aid to local health departments and basic public health services funds in accordance with:

(A) Base allocation amount for each county;

(B) Establishment and administration of an emergency fund of no more than two percent of the total annual funds of which unused amounts are to be distributed back to local boards of health at the end of each fiscal year;

(C) A calculation of funds utilized for state support of local health departments;

(D) Distribution of remaining funds on a per capita weighted population approach which factors coefficients for poverty, health status, population density, and health department interventions for each county and a coefficient which encourages counties to merge in the provision of public health services; and

(E) The provisions of this subdivision are in effect until the performance standard funding formula is created and established by legislative rule.

(b) The secretary shall not review any repair or modernization of equipment at a public pool facility as long as such activity does not change the scope of the facility or its current use and such activity does not exceed \$25,000 in planned cost.

**§16-1-9a. Regulation of public water systems.**

(a) The ~~commissioner~~ secretary shall regulate public water systems as prescribed in this section.

(b) The ~~commissioner~~ secretary shall establish by legislative rule, in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code:

(1) The maximum contaminant levels to which all public water systems shall conform in order to prevent adverse effects on the health of individuals;

(2) Treatment techniques that reduce the contaminant or contaminants to a level which will not adversely affect the health of the consumer;

(3) Provisions to protect and prevent contamination of wellheads and well fields used by public water supplies so that contaminants do not reach a level that would adversely affect the health of the consumer;

(4) Minimum requirements for:

(A) Sampling and testing;

(B) System operation;

(C) Public notification by a public water system on being granted a variance or exemption or upon failure to comply with specific requirements of this section and regulations promulgated under this section;

(D) Recordkeeping;

(E) Laboratory certification; and

(F) Procedures and conditions for granting variances and exemptions to public water systems from state public water systems' regulations;

(5) Requirements covering the production and distribution of bottled drinking water;

(6) Requirements governing the taste, odor, appearance, and other consumer acceptability parameters of drinking water;

(7) Any requirements for a water supply system the commissioner determines is necessary to be equipped with a backflow prevention assembly, all maintenance activities must be documented and provided to the commissioner upon request: Provided, That the secretary may not require inspection more frequently than once in three years for a low-hazard system, which is defined as a hazard that could cause aesthetic problems or have a detrimental secondary effect on the quality of the public potable water supply: Provided, however, That a high-hazard system, which is defined as a hazard that is conducive to the introduction of waterborne disease organisms, or

harmful chemical, physical, or radioactive substances into a public water system, and that presents an unreasonable risk to health, shall be inspected annually; and Secretary

(8) Any other requirement the ~~commissioner~~ secretary finds necessary to effectuate the provisions of this article.

(c) The ~~commissioner~~ secretary, or his or her authorized representative or designee, may enter any part of a public water system, whether or not the system is in violation of a legal requirement, for the purpose of inspecting, sampling, or testing and shall be furnished records or information reasonably required for a complete inspection.

(d) The ~~commissioner~~ secretary, or his or her authorized representative or designee, may conduct an evaluation necessary to assure the public water system meets federal safe drinking water requirements. The public water system shall provide a written response to the commissioner within 30 days of receipt of the evaluation by the public water system, addressing corrective actions to be taken as a result of the evaluation.

(e)(1) Any individual or entity who violates any provision of this article, or any of the rules or orders issued pursuant to this article, is liable for a civil penalty not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(2) For a willful violation of a provision of this article, or of any of the rules or orders issued under this article, an individual or entity shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 and each day's violation shall be grounds for a separate penalty.

(3) Civil penalties are payable to the ~~commissioner~~ secretary. All moneys collected under this section shall be deposited into a restricted account known as the Safe Drinking Water Fund. All moneys deposited into the fund shall be used by the ~~commissioner~~ secretary to provide technical assistance to public water systems.

(f) The ~~commissioner~~ secretary, or his (f) her authorized representative or designee, may also seek injunctive relief in the circuit court of the county in which all or part of the public water system is located for threatened or continuing violations.

(g) By July 1, 2020, a public water system supplying water to the public within the state shall immediately, but in no instance later than six hours, report the occurrence and the lifting of each advisory to local departments of health and to local office of emergency management 911 answering point.

(h) By January 1, 2022, a public water system shall make available to interested customers boiled water advisories promptly through a text or a voice alert mass notification system.

## **ARTICLE 13. SEWAGE WORKS AND STORMWATER WORKS.**

### **§16-13-22a. Grants, loans and advances.**

(a) Any municipality is authorized and empowered to accept loans or grants and procure loans or temporary advances evidenced by notes or other negotiable instruments issued in the manner, and subject to the privileges and limitations, set forth with respect to bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, for the purpose of paying part or all of the cost of acquisition or construction of said sewage works and the construction of betterments and improvements

thereto, and for the other purposes herein authorized, from any authorized agency of the state or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or any private agency, corporation or individual, which loans or temporary advances, including the interest thereon, may be repaid out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, the revenues of the said sewage works or grants to the municipality from any agency of the state or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or any private agency, corporation or individual or from any combination of such sources of payment, and to enter into the necessary contracts and agreements to carry out the purposes hereof with any agency of the state, the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States, or with any private agency, corporation or individual. Any other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, interest on any such loans or temporary advances may be paid from the proceeds thereof until the maturity of such notes or other negotiable instrument.

In no event shall any such loan or temporary advance be a general obligation of the municipality and such loans or temporary advances, including the interest thereon, shall be paid solely from the sources specified in this section.

(b) When potential customers apply for water or sewer service from the municipality, the municipality must determine the cost of the extension and the customer cost responsibility for the cost of the extension (customer share) in accordance with rules of the Public Service Commission. Once the cost and customer share are determined, if those potential customers wish to continue, and they, or any person or entity desiring to do so, provide an up-front customer contribution for the customer share of the extension costs, then the municipality shall extend service pursuant to the rules of the Public Service Commission. If, before continuing with the extension, the potential customers request that the municipality make application for grant funds to finance the total costs of the extension, then the potential customers, or any person or entity desiring to do so, must provide funds to cover the cost of the application, and, once provided, the municipality shall then apply through the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council for any available funding.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code to the contrary, if a grant or grants are awarded that cover the total costs for a project to extend service to unserved potential customers, the municipality is required to extend service to said potential customers after the potential customers have paid any required fees, including their required contributions. Grant funds shall be used to reimburse the potential customers or any other person or entity who were contributors for any front contributions, including, but not limited to, the cost of the application, in accordance with the rules of the Public Service Commission, including the rule that reimbursements will not exceed the original amount of the customer contribution.

## **ARTICLE 13A. PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICTS.**

### **§16-13A-24. Acceptance of loans, grants or temporary advances.**

(a) Any public service district created pursuant to the provisions of this article is authorized and empowered to accept loans or grants and procure loans or temporary advances evidenced by notes or other negotiable instruments issued in the manner, and subject to the privileges and limitations, set forth with respect to bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, for the purpose of paying part or all of the cost of construction or acquisition of water systems, sewage systems, stormwater systems or stormwater management systems or gas facilities, or all of these, and the other purposes herein authorized, from any authorized agency

or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or any private agency, corporation or individual, which loans or temporary advances, including the interest thereon, may be repaid out of the proceeds of the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this article, the revenues of the said water system, sewage system, stormwater system or associated stormwater management system or gas facilities, or grants to the public service district from any authorized agency or from the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States or from any private agency, corporation or individual or from any combination of such sources of payment, and to enter into the necessary contracts and agreements to carry out the purposes hereof with any authorized agency or the United States of America or any federal or public agency or department of the United States, or with any private agency, corporation or individual. Any other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, interest on any such loans or temporary advances may be paid from the proceeds thereof until the maturity of such notes or other negotiable instrument.

(b) When potential customers apply for water or sewer service from the public service district, the public service district must determine the cost of the extension and the customer cost responsibility for the cost of the extension (customer share) in accordance with rules of the Public Service Commission. Once the cost and customer share are determined, if those potential customers wish to continue, and they, or any person or entity desiring to do so, provide an up-front customer contribution for the customer share of the extension costs, then the public service district shall extend service pursuant to the rules of the Public Service Commission. If, before continuing with the extension, the potential customers request that the public service district make application for grant funds to finance the total costs of the extension, then the potential customers, or any person or entity desiring to do so, must provide funds to cover the cost of the application, and, once provided, the public service district shall then apply through the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council for any available funding.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code to the contrary, if a grant or grants are awarded that cover the total costs for a project to extend service to unserved potential customers, the public service district is required to extend service to said potential customers after the potential customers have paid any required fees, including their required contributions. Grant funds shall be used to reimburse the potential customers or any other person or entity who were contributors for any front contributions, including, but not limited to, the cost of the application, in accordance with the rules of the Public Service Commission, including the rule that reimbursements will not exceed the original amount of the customer contribution.

## **CHAPTER 22. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES.**

### **ARTICLE 26. WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION ACT.**

#### **§22-26-8. State Water Resources Management Plan; powers and duty of secretary.**

(a) The secretary shall oversee the development of a State Water Resources Management Plan to be completed no later than November 30, 2013. The plan shall be reviewed and revised as needed after its initial adoption. The plan shall be developed with the cooperation and involvement of local and state agencies with regulatory, research or other functions relating to water resources including, but not limited to, those agencies and institutions of higher education set forth in section three of this article and a representative of large-quantity users. The State Water Resources Management Plan shall be developed utilizing the information obtained pursuant to said section and any other relevant information available to the secretary.

(b) The secretary shall develop definitions for use in the State Water Resources Management Plan for terms that are defined differently by various state and federal governmental entities as well as other terms necessary for implementation of this article.

(c) The secretary shall continue to develop and obtain the following:

(1) An inventory of the surface water resources of each region of this state, including an identification of the boundaries of significant watersheds and an estimate of the safe yield of sources for consumptive and nonconsumptive uses during periods of normal conditions and drought.

(2) A listing of each consumptive or nonconsumptive withdrawal by a large-quantity user, including the amount of water used, location of the water resources, the nature of the use, location of each intake and discharge point by longitude and latitude where available and, if the use involves more than one watershed or basin, the watersheds or basins involved and the amount transferred.

(3) A plan for the development of the infrastructure necessary to identify the groundwater resources of each region of this state, including an identification of aquifers and groundwater basins and an assessment of their safe yield, prime recharge areas, recharge capacity, consumptive limits and relationship to stream base flows.

(4) After consulting with the appropriate state and federal agencies, assess and project the existing and future nonconsumptive use needs of the water resources required to serve areas with important or unique natural, scenic, environmental or recreational values of national, regional, local or statewide significance, including national and state parks; designated wild, scenic and recreational rivers; national and state wildlife refuges; and the habitats of federal and state endangered or threatened species.

(5) Assessment and projection of existing and future consumptive use demands.

(6) Identification of potential problems with water availability or conflicts among water uses and users including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) A discussion of any area of concern regarding historical or current conditions that indicate a low-flow condition or where a drought or flood has occurred or is likely to occur that threatens the beneficial use of the surface water or groundwater in the area; and

(B) Current or potential in-stream or off-stream uses that contribute to or are likely to exacerbate natural low-flow conditions to the detriment of the water resources.

(7) Establish criteria for designation of critical water planning areas comprising any significant hydrologic unit where existing or future demands exceed or threaten to exceed the safe yield of available water resources.

(8) An assessment of the current and future capabilities of public water supply agencies and private water supply companies to provide an adequate quantity and quality of water to their service areas.

(9) An assessment of floodplain and stormwater management problems.

(10) Efforts to improve data collection, reporting and water monitoring where prior reports have found deficiencies.

(11) A process for identifying projects and practices that are being, or have been, implemented by water users that reduce the amount of consumptive use, improve efficiency in water use, provide for reuse and recycling of water, increase the supply or storage of water or preserve or increase groundwater recharge and a recommended process for providing appropriate positive recognition of those projects or practices in actions, programs, policies, projects or management activities.

(12) An assessment of both structural and nonstructural alternatives to address identified water availability problems, adverse impacts on water uses or conflicts between water users, including potential actions to develop additional or alternative supplies, conservation measures and management techniques.

(13) A review and evaluation of statutes, rules, policies and institutional arrangements for the development, conservation, distribution and emergency management of water resources.

(14) A review and evaluation of water resources management alternatives and recommended programs, policies, institutional arrangements, projects and other provisions to meet the water resources needs of each region and of this state.

(15) Proposed methods of implementing various recommended actions, programs, policies, projects or management activities.

(d) The State Water Resources Management Plan shall consider:

(1) The interconnections and relationships between groundwater and surface water as components of a single hydrologic resource.

(2) Regional or watershed water resources needs, objectives and priorities.

(3) Federal, state and interstate water resource policies, plans, objectives and priorities, including those identified in statutes, rules, regulations, compacts, interstate agreements or comprehensive plans adopted by federal and state agencies and compact basin commissions.

(4) The needs and priorities reflected in comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances adopted by a county or municipal government.

(5) The water quantity and quality necessary to support reasonable and beneficial uses.

(6) A balancing and encouragement of multiple uses of water resources, recognizing that all water resources of this state are capable of serving multiple uses and human needs, including multiple uses of water resources for reasonable and beneficial uses.

(7) The distinctions between short-term and long-term conditions, impacts, needs and solutions to ensure appropriate and cost-effective responses to water resources issues.

(8) Application of the principle of equal and uniform treatment of all water users that are similarly situated without regard to established political boundaries.

(e) Each November, the secretary shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Commission on State Water Resources on the implementation of the State Water Resources Management Plan.

(f) The State Water Resources Management Plan is adopted. Persons identified as large-quantity users prior to the effective date of this subsection shall report actual monthly water withdrawals, or monthly water withdrawals by a method approved by the secretary, for the previous calendar year by March 31 of each succeeding year. Persons identified as large-quantity users on or after the effective date of this subsection shall submit their initial annual report no later than March 31, 2016, and subsequent annual reports by March 31 of each year thereafter.

(g) Any commercial entity that withdraws groundwater in a quantity that would qualify it as a large-quantity user, as that term is defined in §22-26-2 of this code, in an area that lies primarily in karst terrain, as that term is defined in §22-6A-4 of this code, and that bottles that water for resale, directly or indirectly, shall submit to the secretary quarterly a report of the groundwater based on remote groundwater monitoring wells, which shall be installed in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey prior to any withdrawal of water and which shall be made remotely monitorable by the department, to show that the large quantity user's operations are not having a negative effect on already-existing users and uses of groundwater in that area. If at any time the quarterly reports or remote monitoring show that the large-quantity user's operations are negatively affecting already-existing users and uses of groundwater in that area, the secretary is authorized to restrict the volume of groundwater that may be withdrawn by the large quantity user's operations to an amount that remediates the negative effect on already-existing users and uses.

(h) The provisions of subsection (g) of this section do not apply to any existing commercial entities that bottle water for resale, directly or indirectly, nor to any expansion of their current operations.

Senator Phillips arose to a point of order that Senator Barrett's amendment to the bill was not germane to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3174).

Which point of order, the President ruled not well taken.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Barrett's amendment to the bill, and on this question, Senator Martin demanded the yeas and nays.

The roll being taken, the yeas were: Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Martin, Morris, Queen, Rucker, Taylor, Willis, and Smith (Mr. President)—15.

The nays were: Azinger, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Garcia, Hart, Helton, Maynard, Oliverio, Phillips, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Thorne, Weld, Woelfel, and Woodrum—19.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of those present and voting not having voted in the affirmative, the President declared Senator Barrett's amendment to the bill rejected.

At the request of Senator Barrett, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3174) was laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3181**, Allow all law enforcement officers to purchase gun upon retirement.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3181) passed.

On motion of Senator Rucker, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3181**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §30-29-15; and to amend and reenact §61-7-3, §61-7-6, and §61-7-7 of said code, relating to modifying certain provisions regarding owning and carrying certain firearms; allowing certain executives, officers, and officials to purchase certain firearms under certain circumstances and with certain exceptions; clarifying that such purchase does not supersede certain other statutes; and removing the requirement for provisional firearm licensure for individuals of certain age.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3209**, To provide at least one counselor for every 250 students in public schools and public charter schools in this state.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3209) passed.

On motion of Senator Grady, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3209**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-18b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring each county to employ two school counselors to each 1,000 students to net enrollment; clarifying that requirement cannot be construed to increase the number of eligible professional student support personnel positions to each 1,000 students in net enrollment provided for under the public school support program; and allowing counties to follow certain counselor to student ratios.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3209) takes effect July 1, 2025.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 3263**, Relating to providing notification of utility service disruption to its' customers.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3263) passed.

The following amendment to the title of the bill, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 3263**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-2-22, relating to requiring utilities to create outage communication plans to notify customers of any planned and any unexpected disruption of utility

services; providing plan content requirements; and requiring filing of plan with the Public Service Commission.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3294**, Enacting the Bank Protections for Eligible Adults from Financial Exploitation Act.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3294) passed.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 3294**—A Bill amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §31A-2C-1, §31A-2C-2, §31A-2C-3, §31A-2C-4, §31A-2C-5, §31A-2C-6, and §31A-2C-7, relating to enacting banking and financial services provider protections for eligible adults from financial exploitation; providing findings, purpose, and intent; providing definitions; permitting disclosure of eligible persons financial information to certain third parties and designated government agencies; authorizing depository institutions, broker-dealers, and investment advisors to delay, refuse, or prevent certain activities and transactions to prevent financial exploitation of an eligible adult; and providing that this article shall not serve as the basis for any private cause of action against depository institutions, broker-dealers, or investment advisors, or their employees, acting in good faith.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3297**, Establishing the Washington Center for Civics, Culture, and Statesmanship at West Virginia University.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the unreported Finance committee amendment pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for further amendments to be received on third reading, was read a third time.

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on Finance, was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**ARTICLE 11. MISCELLANEOUS INSTITUTES AND CENTERS.****§18B-11-8. Washington Center for Civics, Culture, and Statesmanship.**

(a) There is hereby created the Washington Center for Civics, Culture, and Statesmanship, to be located and operated at West Virginia University who shall work with the center to provide reasonable infrastructure, classroom space, and office space. The center is established for the purpose of creating and disseminating knowledge about classical western history and culture and American constitutional thought and forming future leaders of this state through research, scholarship, teaching, collaboration, and mentorship.

(b) The center's goals shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) To enrich the curriculum in American constitutional studies, including the core texts, influential thinkers, and great debates of western civilization;

(2) To educate university students in political philosophy, constitutional governance, economic thought, western history and culture, and the principles that inform republican self-government;

(3) To educate university students in the foundations of responsible leadership and informed citizenship and to cultivate future generations of leaders in this state;

(4) To offer university-wide programming related to the values of open inquiry and civil discourse;

(5) To expand the intellectual diversity of the university's academic community and to create a rich forum for the development of ideas across the political and ideological spectrum;

(6) To support faculty and graduate student scholarship that advances understanding of American constitutional thought and institutions;

(7) To promote scholarly collaboration within the university and beyond; and

(8) To host lectures, debates, and symposia, and sponsor visiting scholars, speakers, teachers, and thinkers.

(c) The center shall adhere to the following policies:

(1) The center shall educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth;

(2) The center shall equip students with the skills, habits, and dispositions of mind they need to reach their own informed conclusions on matters of social and political importance;

(3) The center shall value intellectual diversity in higher education, including in faculty recruitment, hiring, and appointment, and aspire to enhance the intellectual diversity of academic life at the university; and

(4) The center shall create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the intellectual freedom of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and welcomes the differences of opinion that naturally occur in a public university community.

(d) The center shall be a unit of the university with the authority to house tenure-track faculty who hold their appointments within the center. Not fewer than five tenure-track faculty positions shall be allotted to the center. Faculty appointed within the center shall not be required, but may be required, to hold joint or courtesy appointments within any other division of the university. faculty hires into the center.

(e) To maintain accreditation, the center shall work with the university to develop and offer courses and may develop certificate, minor, major, and graduate programs, and offer degrees. The center shall work with the university to also develop a statesmanship minor that allows students taking different majors to study the principles of our republican government.

(f) The center shall be led by a director who shall report directly to the president of the university, the provost and the vice president for academic affairs. The Governor in consultation with president of the university shall appoint an initial director not later than 30 days after the effective date of this section. The director shall be an expert on the western tradition, the American founding, and American constitutional thought, and shall have publicly demonstrated, through speeches, publications, or presentations, a commitment to the purposes, goals, and policies of the center. The director's term shall be for five years and shall be renewable. The director shall have the protection of tenure or tenure eligibility. Any existing tenure with the university held by a director shall be maintained with the university.

(g)(1) Not later than 120 days after the effective date of this section, the director shall appoint a seven-member center academic council. Four members of the council shall form a quorum.

(2) The academic council shall be comprised of scholars with relevant expertise and experience. Not more than one member of the council may be an employee of the university.

(3) Three members of the academic council shall serve initial terms of two years and four members shall serve initial terms of four years, which the members shall determine at their first meeting, and select replacements for vacant seats. All subsequent terms after the initial terms shall last for four years.

(4) To fill a vacancy for the center director after the initial director, following a national search, the academic council shall transmit to the Governor and the president of the university a list of finalists from which the Governor in consultation with the president of the university shall select a director.

(h) The director under the direction of the provost, shall have authority over areas enumerated in this subsection. With regard to these enumerated areas, the director is required to seek the approval or agreement the provost or of any other university official.. The director under the direction of the provost has authority over the following areas:

(1) Managing the recruitment and hiring process and extending offers for employment for all faculty and staff;

(2) Terminating the employment of any staff;

(3) Tenure decisions affecting the center's professors and teachers;

(4) Overseeing and developing the center's curriculum;

(5) The center's budget and expenditures;

(6) Scheduling and holding any conferences relevant to the center's mission; and

(7) Scheduling, inviting, and hosting speakers and presenters.

(i) Any employment contracts made pursuant to subsection (h) of this section to tenure-track faculty appointed to the center shall, subject to available funding guarantee;

(1) Reappointment elsewhere in the university, at the same rank and compensation, in the event the center is discontinued; and

(2) An office in the department to which the professor or teacher is reappointed in the event the center is discontinued. The office in the new department shall be comparable, to the extent practicable, to the office space utilized by the professor or teacher during his or her time working for the center.

(i) The center, its personnel, and its financial operations, including how personnel are hired and reviewed, and what academic units must spend on office space must adhere to all institutional policies and procedures.

(i) All instructional faculty at the center must meet the institution's faculty qualifications policy which meets Higher Learning Commission requirements and expectations.

(k) All curriculum developed at the institution is required to be reviewed and approved through regular Board of Governor's-level processes which includes expectations for faculty to perform meaningful assessment of learning.

(j) The director of the center shall submit an annual report to the West Virginia University Board of Governors and to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance. The report shall provide a full account of the center's achievements, opportunities, challenges, and obstacles in the development of this academic unit.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendments to the Finance committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3297) were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 4, section (8), after line 88, by inserting a new subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) Members of the legislature, during or up to two years after the termination of their service in the in the legislature, shall not:

(1) Be employed by the center in any capacity; or

(2) Serve as the director of the center.

And,

By re-lettering the remaining subsections.

On motion of Senator Oliverio, the following amendments to the Finance committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3297) were next reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On pages 2 and 3, section 8, lines 44-52, by striking out subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) The center shall be led by a director who shall report directly to the president of the university, the provost and the vice president for academic affairs. In consultation with the president of the university, the Governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint an initial director. The director shall be an expert on the western tradition, the American founding, and American constitutional thought, and shall have publicly demonstrated, through speeches, publications, or presentations, a commitment to the purposes, goals, and policies of the center. The director's term shall be for five years and shall be renewable. The director shall have the protection of tenure or tenure eligibility. Any existing tenure with the university held by a director shall be maintained with the university.,

And,

On page 3, section 8, lines 62-65, by striking out subdivision (4) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (4) to read as follows:

(4) To fill a vacancy for the center director after the initial director, following a national search, the academic council shall transmit to the Governor and the president of the university a list of finalists from which, in consultation with the president of the university, the Governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall select a director.

The question now being on the adoption of the Finance committee amendment to the bill, as amended, the same was put and prevailed.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 3297, as just amended, was then put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 3297 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—25.

The nays were: Boley, Clements, Garcia, Grady, Hart, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, and Woelfel—9.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3297) passed.

At the request of Senator Barrett, as chair of the Committee on Finance, and by unanimous consent, the unreported Finance committee amendment to the title of the bill was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Stuart, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3297**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18B-11-8, relating to creating the Washington Center for Civics, Culture, and Statesmanship within West Virginia University; requiring the university to work with the center to provide the center with reasonable infrastructure, classroom space, and office space; stating the center's purposes and goals; stating the center's policies; permitting the appointment of at least five tenure-track faculty; authorizing the center in consultation with the university to offer courses and to develop various degrees for accreditation; providing for a director of the center reporting directly to the president, provost, and vice president of academic affairs of the university; providing for the director's appointment and the filling of vacancies; providing for an academic council; enumerating areas over which the director, under the direction of the provost, has control and authority; requiring the center to adhere to institutional policies and procedures; requiring approval of the curriculum by the West Virginia University by the Board of Governors; requiring faculty to meet the university's qualifications policy; providing for limitations on employment and service of legislators; and providing for an annual report.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3336**, Well Plugging methods.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Rucker—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3336) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3338**, Allow child witness testify remotely in situations deemed traumatic by judge.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3338) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 449**, Permitting compressed air and rimfire shooting teams in public schools.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page 2, section 46, line 19, after the words "rimfire rifles" adding the words "and ammunition";

And

On page 2, section 46, line 19, after the word "access" adding a colon and the words "*Provided further*, That air rifles and rimfire rifles and ammunition stored on school buses shall be placed in a locked case and located in a specific location that is determined by state transportation director or the county transportation director."

On motion of Senator Martin, the following amendment to the House of Delegates amendments to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 449) was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 449**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-11a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §18-2-46, relating to permitting air rifles and rimfire rifles on school buses solely during transportation to or from a school-sponsored shooting team event, on the grounds of any primary or secondary educational facility of any type for shooting team purposes, and at a school-sponsored shooting team function that is taking place in a specific area that is owned, rented, or leased by West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, a county school board, or local public school; and requiring that during the school day or at any time other than school-sponsored team events or practices, the air rifles and rimfire rifles and ammunition be locked up in a location where students do not have access; and requiring air rifles and rimfire rifles and ammunition stored on school buses to be placed in a locked case and located in a specific location that is determined by the state transportation director or the county transportation director.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments, as amended.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 449, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 449) passed with its Senate amended title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

On motion of Senator Martin, at 12:59 p.m., the Senate recessed until 2 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 2:36 p.m.

At the request of Senator Rucker, and by unanimous consent, Senator Rucker addressed the Senate regarding Bob Trainor, mayor of Charles Town, West Virginia.

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Barrett, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Rucker were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

At the request of Senator Maynard, unanimous consent being granted, the Senate returned to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 765**, Establishing Troops-to-Teachers Program.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page 2, subsection 5, line 17, following the word "teachers" and before the semicolon by inserting the following sentence:

". Veterans will be given a veterans' preference in hiring in accordance with §6-13-1 of this code".

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate refused to concur in the foregoing House amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 765) and requested the House of Delegates to recede therefrom.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 225**, Expanding powers of National Park Service law-enforcement officers.

On motion of Senator Martin the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

## **ARTICLE 10. COOPERATION BETWEEN LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

### **§15-10-5. Federal officers' peace-keeping authority.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, any person who is employed by the United States government as a federal law-enforcement officer and is listed in subsection (b) of this section, has the same authority to enforce the laws of this state, except state or local traffic laws or parking ordinances, as that authority granted to state or local law-enforcement officers, if one or more of the following circumstances exist:

(1) The federal law-enforcement officer is requested to provide temporary assistance by the head of a state or local law-enforcement agency or the designee of the head of the agency and that request is within the state or local law-enforcement agency's scope of authority and jurisdiction and is in writing: *Provided*, That the request does not need to be in writing if an emergency situation exists involving the imminent risk of loss of life or serious bodily injury;

(2) The federal law-enforcement officer is requested by a state or local law-enforcement officer to provide the officer temporary assistance when the state or local law-enforcement officer is acting within the scope of the officer's authority and jurisdiction and where exigent circumstances exist; or

(3) A felony is committed in the federal law-enforcement officer's presence or under circumstances indicating a felony has just occurred.

(b) This section applies to the following persons who are employed as full-time federal law-enforcement officers by the United States government and who are authorized to carry firearms while performing their duties:

(1) Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents;

(2) Drug Enforcement Administration special agents;

(3) United States Marshal's Service marshals and deputy marshals;

(4) United States Postal Service inspectors;

(5) Internal Revenue Service special agents;

(6) United States secret service special agents;

(7) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms special agents;

(8) Police officers employed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's criminal justice information services division facility located within this state;

~~(9) Law enforcement commissioned rangers of the National Park Service.~~

~~(10)~~ (9) Department of Veterans Affairs Police and Department of Veterans Affairs special investigators;

~~(11)~~ (10) Office of Inspector General special agents; and

~~(12)~~ (11) Federal Air Marshals with the Federal Air Marshal Service;

(12) United States Fish and Wildlife Service special agents and law enforcement.

(13) Diplomatic Security Service special agents;

(14) Coast Guard special agents;

(15) Customs and Border Protection law-enforcement agents and officers;

(16) Department of Defense special agents;

(17) Federal Protective Service officers;

(18) Federal Bureau of Prisons officers; and

(19) Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agents and law-enforcement.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, law enforcement commissioned rangers of the National Park Service have the powers of arrest, search, and seizure as to any offense under the laws of this state committed within the boundaries of a national park, national recreation area, or on other real property included in the National Park System.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, law enforcement officers and special agents commissioned by the United States Forest Service have the powers of arrest, search, and seizure as to any offense under the laws of this state committed within the boundaries of national forests or on other real property managed or overseen by the United States Forestry Service and while acting in the scope of their official duties on such federally managed lands.

~~(e)~~ (e) Any person acting under the authority granted pursuant to this section:

(1) Has the same authority and is subject to the same exemptions and exceptions to this code as a state or local law-enforcement officer;

(2) Is not an officer, employee, or agent of any state or local law-enforcement agency;

(3) May not initiate or conduct an independent investigation into an alleged violation of any provision of this code except to the extent necessary to preserve evidence or testimony at risk of loss immediately following an occurrence described in subdivision (3), subsection (a) of this section: Provided, That law enforcement commissioned rangers of the National Park Service and law enforcement officers and special agents commissioned by the United States Forest Service may undertake an independent investigation pursuant to the authority described in subsections (c) and (d) of this section: Provided, however, That nothing in this section shall be construed to permit law enforcement officers of the National Park Service, or the United States Forest Service, to initiate or conduct investigations unrelated to activities occurring on federal lands managed or overseen by the National Park Service or the United States Forest Service;

(4) Is subject to 28 U.S.C. § 1346, the Federal Tort Claims Act; and

(5) Has the same immunities from liability as a state or local law-enforcement officer.

On motion of Senator Martin, the following amendment to the House of Delegates amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 225) was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 225**—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-10-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to incorporating in subsection (b) the following additional full time federal law enforcement officers of the United States government who are authorized to carry firearms while performing their duties in furtherance of the allowances contained in subsection (a) of this section of the code- United States Fish and Wildlife special agents and law enforcement, Diplomatic Security Service special agents, Coast Guard special agents, Customs and Border Protection law-enforcement agents and officers, Department of Defense special agents, Federal Protective Service officers, Federal Bureau of Prisons officers, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agents and law-enforcement; also relating to expanding the powers of law-enforcement officers of the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service to include the authority to arrest, conduct searches, conduct seizures and enforce all laws of this state and also establishes that these officers will have the authority to undertake an independent investigation pursuant to that authority but only for activities occurring on lands managed and overseen by the National Park Service or the United States Forest Service.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment, as amended.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 225, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Garcia—1.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 225) passed with its Senate amended title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Garcia—1.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 225) takes effect from passage.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

The Senate again proceeded to the eighth order of business, the next bill coming up in numerical sequence being

**Eng. House Bill 3344**, Relating to the establishment of a grant program to fund the United States Food and Drug Administration's drug development trials with ibogaine.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, further consideration of the bill was deferred until the conclusion of bills on today's second reading calendar, following consideration of Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 3125, already placed in that position.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3411**, Relating to commissions; removing the legislative members; and eliminating expired commissions.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3411) passed.

On motion of Senator Rucker, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3411**—A Bill to repeal §4-7-1, §4-7-2, §4-7-3, §4-7-4, §4-7-5, §4-7-6, §4-7-7, §4-7-8, §4-7-9, §4-7-10 and §4-7-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §4-10-3 of said code; to repeal §4-10-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §4-10-5, §4-10-6, §4-10-7, §4-10-9, §4-10-11 and §4-10-13 of said code; to repeal §4-13-1, §4-13-2, §4-13-3, §4-13-4, §4-13-5, §4-13-6, and §4-13-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §4-14-1, §4-14-2, and §4-14-3 of said code; to repeal §4-15-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §5-24-3 of said code; to amend and reenact §5B-2B-2 of said code; to repeal §5B-2B-4a of said code; to repeal §5B-2B-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §5B-3-2 of said code; to repeal §12-6D-4 of said code; to repeal §15-9C-1, §15-9C-2, §15-9C-3, §15-9C-4, §15-9C-5 and §15-9C-6 of said code; to repeal §16-29E-4 of said code; to repeal §17-2B-1, §17-2B-2, §17-2B-3, §17-2B-4, §17-2B-5 and §17-2B-6 of said code; to repeal §18B-14-1 and §18B-14-9 of said code; to repeal §21-5E-1, §21-5E-2, §21-5E-3, §21-5E-4, §21-5E-5 and §21-5E-6 of said code; to repeal §22-26-5 of said code; to repeal §29-1B-1, §29-1B-2, §29-1B-3, §29-1B-4, §29-1B-5, §29-1B-6 and §29-1B-7 of said code; to amend and reenact §29A-3A-11 of said code; and to repeal §31-20-26 of said code, relating to commissions; removing legislative members; making technical changes throughout; and eliminating expired commissions.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3411) takes effect from passage.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 3412**, Relating to exemptions from disclosure of certain records; and exempting the legislative branch if it adopts its own rules.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—25.

The nays were: Azinger, Chapman, Garcia, Hart, Helton, Roberts, Rose, Taylor, and Woelfel—9.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3412) passed.

On motion of Senator Rucker, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 3412**—A Bill to amend and reenact §29B-1-1, §29B-1-2, §29B-1-3, §29B-1-3a, §29B-1-4, §29B-1-5, and §29B-1-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, relating to modifying certain provisions regarding disclosure of public records; expanding the types of records and information that are not subject to or are exempt from public disclosure; modifying how the Freedom of Information Act is to be construed and removing the presumption of public accessibility; increasing the time period for responding to record requests; authorizing reasonable search and retrieval fee to be charged for responding to record requests; removing the burden on a public body to sustain its action regarding withholding records; and modifying certain provisions regarding the award of attorneys' fees and costs when access to certain records is denied.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 3424**, Removing language regarding short term loans being provided to released inmates for costs related to reentry into the community.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3424) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. House Bill 3434**, Relating to the controlled substance schedules and to clean-up errors identified in the code sections.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3434) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3440**, Relating generally to removing and repealing obsolete provisions under the purview of the State Treasurer's Office.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3440) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. House Bill 3492**, Relating to municipal economic opportunity development districts.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, with the unreported Economic Development committee amendment pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for further amendments to be received on third reading, was read a third time.

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on Economic Development, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

## **ARTICLE 38. MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.**

### **§8-38-9. Authorization to levy special district excise tax.**

(a) *General.* — Municipalities have no inherent authority to levy taxes and have only that authority expressly granted to them by the Legislature. The Legislature is specifically extended, and intends by this article to exercise certain relevant powers expressed in section six-a, article X of the Constitution of this state as follows: (1) The Legislature may appropriate state funds for use in matching or maximizing grants-in-aid for public purposes from the United States or any department, bureau, commission or agency thereof, or any other source, to any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state, under such circumstances and subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Legislature may prescribe by law; and (2) the Legislature may impose a state tax or taxes or dedicate a state tax or taxes or any portion thereof for the benefit of and use by counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state for public purposes, the proceeds of any such imposed or dedicated tax or taxes or portion thereof to be distributed to such counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state under such circumstances and subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Legislature may prescribe.

Because a special district excise tax would have the effect of diverting, for a specified period of years, tax dollars which to the extent, if any, are not essentially incremental to tax dollars currently paid into the General Revenue Fund of the state, the Legislature finds that in order to substantially ensure that such special district excise taxes will not adversely impact the current level of the General Revenue Fund of the state, it is necessary for the Legislature to separately consider and act upon each and every economic development district which is proposed, including the unique characteristics of location, current condition and activity of and within the area included in such proposed economic opportunity development district and that for such reasons a statute more general in ultimate application is not feasible for accomplishment of the intention and purpose of the Legislature in enacting this article. Therefore, no economic opportunity development district excise tax may be levied by a municipality until after the Legislature expressly authorizes the municipality to levy a special district excise tax on sales of tangible personal property and services made within district boundaries approved by the Legislature.

(b) *Authorizations.* — The Legislature authorizes the following municipalities to levy special district excise taxes on sales of tangible personal property and services made from business locations in the following economic opportunity development districts:

(1) The City of South Charleston may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the South Charleston Park Place Economic Opportunity Development District which comprises up to two thousand one hundred contiguous acres of land.

(2) The City of Huntington may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the City of Huntington Economic Opportunity Development District which comprises 146 acres of land, subject to holding public hearing as provided in §8-38-6 of this code, submitting the application required by §8-38-6 and §8-38-7 of this code, and obtaining the approval of the West Virginia Division of Economic Development as provided in §8-38-7 of this code.

(c) *Annual Reports.* — Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, any jurisdiction that imposes a special district excise tax shall compile and issue an annual report for each fiscal year of operation, such year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30. The annual report shall be issued on or before the next succeeding December 31 after the close of each fiscal year.

(1) The annual report shall be filed with the Governor, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Revenue, and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

(2) The annual report shall set forth in detail the following information:

(A) The amount of special district excise tax collected during the fiscal year.

(B) The total assessed value of all property located in the district at the inception of the district;

(C) The total assessed value of all property for the most recent property tax year in the district;

(D) A list of all businesses operating in the special district during the report year;

(E) The amount of indebtedness attributed to the sales tax increment financing project;

(F) The date of maturity for debts and annual amortization payment schedules for debt financed with the sales tax increment financing project;

(G) The projected date for retirement of all debt financed with the sales tax increment financing project;

(H) The projected date of dissolution of the special district.

Engrossed House Bill 3492, as just amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Takubo, Tarr, Weld, Woelfel, and Woodrum—22.

The nays were: Azinger, Chapman, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, and Smith (Mr. President)—12.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3492) passed.

The following amendment to the title of the bill, from the Committee on Economic Development, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 3492**—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-38-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the City of Huntington to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the City of Huntington Economic Opportunity Development District; requiring City of Huntington to comply with requirements to hold a public hearing, submit a certain application, and receive approval as required by law; and requiring jurisdictions authorized to levy special excise tax to file a detailed annual report.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Action as to Engrossed House Bill 3492 having been concluded, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2695**, Raleigh and Mason Counties Economic Opportunity Development Districts.

On third reading, coming up in deferred order, with the unreported Economic Development committee amendment pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for further amendments to be received on third reading, was read a third time.

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on Economic Development, was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**ARTICLE 22. COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.****§7-22-9. Authorization to levy special district excise tax.**

(a) General. — County commissions have no inherent authority to levy taxes and have only that authority expressly granted to them by the Legislature. The Legislature is specifically extended, and intends by this article, to exercise certain relevant powers expressed in section six-a, article X of the Constitution of this state as follows: (1) The Legislature may appropriate state funds for use in matching or maximizing grants-in-aid for public purposes from the United States or any department, bureau, commission or agency thereof, or any other source, to any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state, under such circumstances and subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Legislature may prescribe by law; and (2) the Legislature may impose a state tax or taxes, or dedicate a state tax or taxes, or any portion thereof for the benefit of, and use by, counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions of the state for public purposes, the proceeds of any such imposed or dedicated tax or taxes or portion thereof to be distributed to such counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions of the state under such circumstances and subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Legislature may prescribe.

Because a special district excise tax would have the effect of diverting, for a specified period of years, tax dollars which to the extent, if any, are not essentially incremental to tax dollars currently paid into the General Revenue Fund of the state, the Legislature finds that in order to substantially ensure that such special district excise taxes will not adversely impact the current level of the General Revenue Fund of the state, it is necessary for the Legislature to separately consider and act upon each and every economic development district which is proposed, including the unique characteristics of location, current condition and activity of and within the area included in such proposed economic opportunity development district and that for such reasons a statute more general in ultimate application is not feasible for accomplishment of the intention and purpose of the Legislature in enacting this article. Therefore, no economic opportunity development district excise tax may be levied by a county commission until after the Legislature expressly authorizes the county commission to levy a special district excise tax on sales of tangible personal property and services made within district boundaries approved by the Legislature.

(b) Authorizations. — The Legislature authorizes the following county commissions to levy special district excise taxes on sales of tangible personal property and services made from business locations in the following economic opportunity development districts:

(1) The Ohio County Commission may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Fort Henry Economic Opportunity Development District which comprises 500 contiguous acres of land. Notwithstanding the time limitations provisions of subdivision (2), subsection (a), section fifteen of this article, the Fort Henry Economic Opportunity Development District shall not be abolished under subdivision (2), subsection (a), section fifteen of this article until the year 2054, unless sooner abolished and terminated in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1), subsection (a), section fifteen of this article or any other provision of this code, or sooner abolished for any other reason: *Provided*, That on December 31, 2054, the provisions of subdivision (2), subsection (a), section fifteen of this article shall apply to abolish the Fort Henry Economic Opportunity Development District, if the district has not been abolished prior to that date.

(2) The Harrison County Commission may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Charles Pointe Economic Opportunity Development District which comprises 437 acres of land.

(3) The Monongalia County Commission may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District which comprises approximately 1,450 contiguous acres of land. Notwithstanding the time limitations provisions of §7-22-15(a)(2) of this code, the University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District shall not be abolished pursuant to §7-22-15(a)(2) of this code until the year 2053, unless sooner abolished and terminated in accordance with the provisions of subdivision §7-22-15(a)(1) of this code or any other provision of this code, or sooner abolished for any other reason: *Provided*, That on December 31, 2053, the provisions of §7-22-15(a)(2) of this code shall apply to abolish the University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District, if the district has not been abolished prior to that date.

(4) The Jefferson County Commission may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Hill Top House Hotel Economic Opportunity District which comprises approximately 11 contiguous acres of land: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary:

(A) The Jefferson County Commission may create the district and levy the special district excise tax by order entered of record as provided in §7-22-10 of this code without the approval of the executive director of the development office; and

(B) The Jefferson County Commission may determine the base district tax, the base tax revenue amount, the gross annual district tax revenue amount, and the estimated net annual district tax revenue amount in lieu of that determination by the development office as provided in §7-22-7 of this code. For purposes of determining the base tax revenue amount, the Jefferson County Commission shall promptly request a certification from the Tax Commissioner of the base tax revenue amount and the Tax Commissioner shall provide the certification to the Jefferson County Commission within thirty days.

(5) The Mercer County Commission may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of The Ridges Economic Opportunity Development District which comprises approximately 420 contiguous acres of land, subject to holding a public hearing as provided in §7-22-14(c) of this code, submitting the application required by §7-22-14(d) of this code, and obtaining the approval of the West Virginia Development Office as provided in §7-22-14(e) of this code.

(6) The Raleigh County Commission may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Raleigh County Economic Opportunity Development District which comprises approximately 1,600 contiguous acres of land, subject to holding a public hearing as provided in §7-22-6 of this code, submitting the application required by §7-22-6 and §7-22-7 of this code, and obtaining the approval of the West Virginia Development Office as provided in §7-22-7 of this code.

(7) The Mason County Commission may levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Town of Henderson Economic Opportunity District which comprises approximately 456 150 contiguous acres of land, subject to holding a public hearing as provided in §7-22-6 of this code, submitting the application required by §7-22-6 and §7-22-7 of this code, and obtaining the approval of the West Virginia Development Office as provided in §7-22-7 of this code.

(c) Annual Reports. — Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, any jurisdiction that imposes a special district excise tax shall compile and issue an annual report for each fiscal year of operation, such year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30. The annual report shall be issued on or before the next succeeding December 31 after the close of each fiscal year.

(1) The annual report shall be filed with the Governor, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Revenue, and the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

(2) The annual report shall set forth in detail the following information:

(A) The amount of special district excise tax collected during the fiscal year.

(B) The total assessed value of all property located in the district at the inception of the district;

(C) The total assessed value of all property for the most recent property tax year in the district;

(D) A list of all businesses operating in the special district during the report year;

(E) The amount of indebtedness attributed to the sales tax increment financing project;

(F) The date of maturity for debts and annual amortization payment schedules for debt financed with the sales tax increment financing project;

(G) The projected date for retirement of all debt financed with the sales tax increment financing project; and

(H) The projected date of dissolution of the special district.

#### **§7-22-14. Modification of Included area; notice; hearing.**

(a) *General.* — The order creating an economic opportunity development district may not be amended to include additional contiguous property until after the amendment is approved by the executive director of the Development Office in the same manner as an application to approve the establishment of the district is acted upon under section seven of this article and the amendment is authorized by the Legislature. The order creating an economic opportunity development district may not be amended to remove property until after the amendment is approved by the executive director of the Development Office in the same manner as an application to approve the establishment of the district is acted upon under section seven of this article: *Provided*, That any amendment for the purpose of removing property from an economic opportunity development district may not require authorization from the Legislature and shall ensure that any such district after such an amendment remains contiguous. The order which is entered for the purpose of removing parcels from an existing economic opportunity development district may not be effective any earlier than the first day of the calendar month which begins at least thirty days following the entry of the order or such later date as may be specified by the county commission in the order.

(b) *Limitations.* — Additional property may not be included in the district unless it is situated within the boundaries of the county and is contiguous to the then current boundaries of the district.

(c) *Public hearing required.* —

(1) The county commission of any county desiring to amend its order shall designate a time and place for a public hearing upon the proposal to include additional property. The notice shall meet the requirements set forth in section six of this article.

(2) At the time and place set forth in the notice, the county commission shall afford the opportunity to be heard to any owners of real property either currently included in or proposed to be added to the existing district and to any other residents of the county.

(d) *Application to West Virginia Development Office.* — Following the hearing, the county commission may, by resolution, approve the filing of an application with the Development Office for the inclusion of the additional property in the district or for the removal of the applicable parcels from the district.

(e) *Consideration by the Executive Director of the Development Office.* — Before the executive director of the Development Office approves inclusion of the additional property in the district, the Development Office shall determine the amount of taxes levied by article fifteen, chapter eleven of this code that were collected by businesses located in the area the county commission proposes to add to the district in the same manner as the base amount of tax was determined when the district was first created. The State Treasurer shall also deposit one twelfth of this additional tax base amount into the General Revenue Fund each month, as provided in section twelve of this article.

(f) *Legislative action required to include additional property.* — After the Executive Director of the Development Office approves amending the boundaries of the district to include additional property, the Legislature must amend section nine of this article to allow levy of the special district excise tax on business located in geographic area to be included in the district. After the Legislature amends said section, the county commission may then amend its order: *Provided*, That the order may not be effective any earlier than the first day of the calendar month that begins sixty days after the effective date of the act of the Legislature authorizing the levy on the special district excise tax on businesses located in the geographic area to be added to the boundaries of the district for which the tax is levied or a later date as set forth in the order of the county commission.

(g) *Collection of special district excise tax.* — All businesses included in a district because of the boundary amendment shall on the effective date of the order, determined as provided in subsection (f) of this section, collect the special district excise tax on all sales on tangible property or services made from locations in the district on or after the effective date of the county commission's order or a later date as set forth in the order.

(h) *Minor Modifications.* — Notwithstanding any provision of this article to contrary, a county commission may amend the order creating an economic opportunity development district to make, and may make, modifications to the boundaries of the economic opportunity development district without holding a public hearing or receiving approval of the executive director of the West Virginia Development Office or authorization by the Legislature if the modifications do not ~~increase the total acreage of the economic opportunity development district~~ result in a net increase to the acreage of the district of greater than ten percent of the total acreage. ~~or~~ The modifications shall not result in a change to or recalculation of the base tax revenue amount. The county commission is authorized to levy special district excise taxes on sales of tangible personal property and services made from business locations within the modified boundaries of the economic opportunity development district.

On motion of Senator Jeffries, the following amendments to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2695) were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 3, section 9, line 50, by striking out "2053" and inserting in lieu thereof "2057";

And,

On page 3, section 9, line 52, by striking out "2053" and inserting in lieu thereof "2057";

And,

On page 5, after line 104, by striking out all of section 14.

The question now being on the adoption of the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill, as amended, the same was put and prevailed.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2695, as just amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Barrett, Boley, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Takubo, Tarr, Weld, and Woodrum—19.

The nays were: Azinger, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Hart, Martin, Maynard, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, Woelfel, and Smith (Mr. President)—15.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2695) passed.

At the request of Senator Jeffries, as chair of the Committee on Economic Development, and by unanimous consent, the unreported Economic Development committee amendment to the title of the bill was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Jeffries, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2695**—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-22-9 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to county economic opportunity development districts; authorizing Raleigh County to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Raleigh County Economic Opportunity Development District; authorizing Mason County to levy a special district excise tax for the benefit of the Town of Henderson Economic Opportunity District; requiring Mason County and Raleigh to comply with requirements to hold a public hearing, submit a certain application, and receive approval as required by law; and extending the abolishment date for the University Town Center Economic Opportunity Development District.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 3503**, Relating to regulation by counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions of commercial horticulture under the Water Pollution Control Act.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

At the request of Senator Rucker, unanimous consent was granted to offer an amendment to the bill on third reading.

Thereupon, on motion of Senator Rucker, the following amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page 1, section 31, after line 12, by striking out all of subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Any political subdivision of this state may not enact an ordinance within the subject matter of said Water Pollution Control Act that is more stringent than any federal or state rule, regulation, program, or permitting regime.

Engrossed House Bill 3503, as just amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: Garcia, Takubo, and Woelfel—3.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3503) passed.

On motion of Senator Rucker, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 3503**—A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §22-11-31, relating to prohibiting the regulation by any county, municipality, or political subdivision of commercial horticulture within the subject matter of the Water Pollution Control Act; providing that such regulations are invalid and unenforceable; prohibiting any county, municipality, or political subdivision from bringing a cause of action within the subject matter of the Water Pollution Control Act against any commercial horticulture operation; and providing that any political subdivision may not enact an ordinance within the subject matter of the Water Pollution Control Act that is more stringent than any federal or state rule, regulation, program, or permitting regime.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 3504**, Relating to protecting critical infrastructure; and defining terms.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3504) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

**Eng. House Bill 3513**, Relating to standards of liability and insurance requirements in certain civil actions.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Hart and Roberts—2.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3513) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect August 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Hart and Roberts—2.

Absent: None.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3513) takes effect August 1, 2025.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

**Eng. House Bill 3517**, Relating generally to fiscal emergencies of local governments.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 3517) passed.

The following amendment to the title of the bill, from the Committee on Finance, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. House Bill 3517**—A Bill to amend and reenact §8-35-1 and §8-35-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §6-9D-1, §6-9D-2, §6-9D-2a, §6-9D-3, §6-9D-4, §6-9D-5, §6-9D-6, §6-9D-7, §6-9D-8, §6-9D-9, §6-9D-10, §6-9D-11 and §6-9D-12; and to amend said code by adding thereto by adding 4 new sections, designated §8-35-3, §8-35-4, §8-35-5 and §8-35-6, all relating generally to fiscal watch or fiscal emergencies of local governments; setting out findings; defining terms; setting out auditable conditions of local governments; providing details of a fiscal watch or a fiscal emergency; establishing a system to remediate those emergencies; providing for a financial recovery plan; setting out certain timeframes; setting out duties of local officials; requiring certain action be taken by the State Auditor or a designee; providing for an appeal; providing for a severability clause; modernizing the process for the dissolution of municipalities; and providing for rulemaking.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

The end of today's third reading calendar having been reached, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2164**, To allow for public and private schools in West Virginia to employ security personnel.

On third reading, coming up in deferred order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 2164 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—34.

The nays were: None.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for H. B. 2164) passed.

The following amendment to the title of the bill, from the Committee on Finance, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2164**—A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2D-3 and §61-7-11a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and by adding thereto three new sections, designated §18-5-52, §15-5-53 and §18-5-54, relating to creating school safety officers; requiring the director of the Division of Protective Services to establish standards for school safety officers and issue a certificate; providing definitions; authorizing local school boards, public charter schools, and private or religious schools to employ school safety officers; providing standards for a school safety officer to carry a firearm on school grounds; requiring a background check; specifying the detention powers of a school safety officer and limitations on detention powers; requiring data sharing with the Division of Protective Services; specifying payment for equipment; requiring insurance for schools employing a school safety officer; clarifying that the prohibitions on carry a firearm in a school zone do not apply to certified school safety officers; providing that all school safety officers are subject to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act ("LEOSA"); clarifying the liability and responsibility of school safety officers; providing for annual training in conjunction with the local county sheriffs' department; allowing county boards of education to contract with an independent contractor, known as a West Virginia guardian, who is a former state trooper, former deputy sheriff, former state fire marshal, former Department of Natural Resources police officer, former municipal police officer, or former federal law-enforcement officer to provide to provide public safety and/or security on school grounds to protect life and property; specifying the authority of independent contractors participating in the program and an apparel requirement; requiring the West Virginia guardian to apply for a permit from the county sheriff of the county in which the guardian will provide services; mandating the county sheriff to require an applicant to provide proof of meeting certain requirements; allowing county board to impose additional requirements; requiring permit application fee to be deposited into a guardian program fund; stating that meeting all of certain requirements does not guarantee a contract will be extended to the applicant; specifying instances in which an independent contractor is precluded from participation as a West Virginia guardian; providing certain liability insurance requirements; exempting West Virginia guardian contract from certain purchasing requirements; clarifying that county board participation is voluntary and subject to the availability of county funds; providing for exclusions from state benefit programs; clarifying that an off duty law-enforcement officer is not prohibited from carrying a firearm on certain school grounds; allowing county boards, public charter schools, or private or religious schools to contract with a private security guard firm to provide school safety officer services; specifying the authority of the private security guard firm or its employees participating a a school safety officer; mandating the county board, public charter school, or private or religious school to require an applicant to provide proof of meeting certain requirements; allowing county board, public charter school, or private or religious school impose additional requirements; specifying instances in which a private security guard or it employees is precluded from participation as a school safety officer; providing certain liability insurance requirements; exempting contract from certain purchasing requirements; providing for exclusions from state benefit programs; and clarifying that an employee of a private security guard firm acting as a school safety officer is not prohibited from carrying a firearm on certain school grounds.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

Action as to Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 2164 having been concluded, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2451**, To facilitate the creation of home-based businesses.

Having been read a third time in earlier proceedings today, and now coming up in deferred order, was again reported by the Clerk.

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2451 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Chapman, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—28.

The nays were: Clements, Garcia, Phillips, Takubo, Weld, and Woelfel—6.

Absent: None.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2451) passed.

On motion of Senator Queen, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2451**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-40-1, §8-40-2, §8-40-3, §8-40-4, §8-40-5, and §8-40-6; to further amend the code, by adding thereto to a new article designated §8-13-4 and §8-13-5 and to amend and reenact §8-13-4, §8-13-5, and §11-12-3 relating to small businesses; increasing the amount of annual revenue for businesses to be exempt from business and occupation taxes and privilege taxes; facilitating the creation of home based businesses; providing for definitions; providing for permitted use; providing for prohibitions; creating reasonable regulations; providing for limited conditions; providing for review; increasing the amount of income and revenue before a business has to obtain a business license; exempting independent contractors and sole proprietors from business licenses under certain requirements; creating the Small Business Protection Act; providing intent and legislative findings; and providing a short title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2347**, Relating generally to the creation of mental hygiene regions by the Supreme Court of Appeals.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time.

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the provisions of Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 761.

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2347), as amended, was then ordered to third reading.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3164**, Requiring registered sex offenders pay annual fee.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to third reading.

On motion of Senator Martin, at 3:19 p.m., the Senate recessed until 4:30 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 5:57 p.m. and resumed business under the ninth order.

The end of today's second reading calendar having been reached, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2014**, Certified Microgrid Program.

On third reading, coming up in deferred order, with the unreported Economic Development committee amendment pending, and with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for further amendments to be received on third reading, was read a third time.

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on Economic Development, was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

## **CHAPTER 5B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1985.**

### **ARTICLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

#### **§5B-2-21. Certified ~~Industrial Business Expansion~~ Microgrid Development Program.**

(a) *Program established.* — The Certified ~~Industrial Business Expansion~~ Microgrid Development Program is hereby created and is to be administered as a program within the ~~Department~~ Division of Economic Development to encourage the continued development, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion in West Virginia of high impact ~~industrial~~ plants and facilities, in certain circumstances where the availability of electricity generated ~~from renewable sources~~ is demonstrated to be necessary. In order to effectuate the purposes of this section, the ~~Department~~ Division of Economic Development, or any agency, division, or subdivision thereof, may propose for promulgation of legislative rules, including emergency rules, in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(b) *District certification.* — The Secretary of the Department of ~~Economic Development~~ Commerce may identify and certify high impact ~~Industrial business development~~ microgrid districts in this state upon a finding that the following requirements are met:

(1) Certification of the high impact ~~Industrial business development~~ microgrid district and location of new or expanded businesses within the microgrid district will have a significant and positive economic impact on the state;

(2) Certification of the ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district is necessary to attract at least two businesses to locate or expand in this state;

(3) The area to be certified as a ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district shall be no greater than 2,250 acres and ~~must be located on land sold or leased by the state, its agencies, or political subdivisions as defined in §29-12A-3(c) of this code with a purpose of creating a high impact Industrial business development district or on land that has been previously used for coal mining operations in the state; and~~

(4) The electricity generated from ~~renewable sources~~ within the microgrid district will be used only within the microgrid district or delivered to the wholesale market;

(5) The information described in §5B-2-21(h) of this code has been provided to the Department of Commerce;

(6) The requirements of §5B-2-21(i) of this code have been satisfied; and

(7) The requirements of §5B-2-21(b)(5) and (6) of this code may not apply to microgrid districts certified on or before January 1, 2024.

(8) The requirements of subsections (d), (e), (g), (h), and (i) of this section enacted during the regular session of the Legislature, 2025, shall not apply to any microgrid district certified on or before January 1, 2024, or any special contract entered into and approved by the Public Service Commission on or before January 1, 2025. No amendments to this section enacted during the regular session of the Legislature, 2025, shall be interpreted to remove an existing microgrid district certification.

The Secretary of the Department of ~~Economic Development Commerce~~ may not certify more than two ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid districts: Provided, That this limit on certifying microgrid districts shall not apply to any microgrid district wherein greater than 70% of the electricity generated within the microgrid district is consumed by one or more high impact data centers, as defined in §11-6N-2 of this code, or will be consumed by one or more high impact data centers, when such data centers are completed and fully operational. A designation made pursuant to this section by the secretary as to the certification of a ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district is final.

*(c) Providing electric service within a certified ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district.* — Within a ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district, any person, firm, corporation, or entity or their lessees and tenants seeking to provide electric service through the generation or distribution of ~~renewable sources~~ electricity from within the ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district of electricity to businesses locating within the ~~certified high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district may:

(1) Not be subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission with respect to rates, obtaining a certificate of convenience and necessity, conditions of service or complaints pursuant to chapter 24 of this code;

(2) Not be subject to the net metering and interconnection standards as set forth in §24-2F-8 of this code;

(3) Elect to qualify as an exempt wholesale generator under federal law for purposes of furnishing electric service through the generation of ~~renewable sources~~ electricity to a utility or regional transmission organization without being subject to the Public Service Commission's siting certificate requirements as set forth in §24-2-1(d), §24-2-11c, or §24-2-1o of this code;

(4) Provide any such electric service to businesses making a capital investment in a new or expanded ~~Industrial~~ facility located within the certified ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district; and

(5) Not provide any such electric service for purposes of encouraging businesses already receiving electric service from a regulated utility in this state to relocate to the certified ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district; and

(6) Not deliver outside the microgrid district more than 10% of the electricity generated within the certified microgrid district and only delivered to the wholesale market.

(7) Utilize a plant that was decommissioned or mothballed and then re-energized using coal or natural gas as a fuel or feed stock which shall be unrestricted in its ability to sell power behind the meter as a microgrid for any use and for any facility on its certified microgrid district.

(d) ~~Eligible electric retail~~ Microgrid customers: eligibility. — In order to take advantage of the provisions of this section, ~~Industrial a~~ plant or facility choosing to locate and operate within a ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district must constitute new electric ~~generating~~ load. Any owner, lessee, or tenant of ~~an Industrial a~~ plant or facility that has not previously received electric service from a regulated public electric utility located within this state, or who is making a capital investment in a new ~~Industrial~~ facility within the microgrid district shall be considered eligible new electric ~~generating~~ load. Electric service to any such ~~Industrial~~ plant or facility shall be considered new electric ~~generating~~ load so long as any customer making a new capital investment within the microgrid district does not decrease the load of an existing facility outside the microgrid district in this state in conjunction with the new capital investment within the microgrid district, and regardless of whether or not a person or entity previously received service from a public electric utility at or near the same location prior to the certification of the ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district.

An eligible ~~Industrial~~ plant or facility choosing to locate and operate within a ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district is not required to connect with and use any public electric utility: ~~Provided, That any plant or facility choosing to do so may participate in net metering with a public electric utility without being subject to the net metering and interconnection standards set forth in §24-2F-8 of this code: Provided, however,~~ That any such connection with and use of a public electric utility for purposes of the initial construction and development within the ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district shall not impact ~~Industrial a~~ plant or facility's status as new electric ~~generating~~ load in order to take advantage of the provisions of this section.

(e) ~~Special rates~~ Microgrid customers: Special contracts and rates. — ~~In furtherance of the creation of a high impact Industrial business development district, After certification of a microgrid district,~~ the Public Service Commission may approve special ~~electric utility rates~~ contracts for an ~~eligible retail electric a~~ microgrid customer within the ~~high impact Industrial business development~~ microgrid district. For purposes of this section, a "special contract" is:

(1) a written agreement between an electric utility and an eligible retail electric microgrid customer within the microgrid district that is filed with the Public Service Commission and that provides that an eligible retail electric microgrid customer will receive utility service on terms and conditions, including rates, that vary from the utility's tariff on file with the Public Service Commission, or

(2) electric utility service terms and conditions, including rates, ordered by the Public Service Commission that vary from the electric utility's tariff to be in effect between a utility and an eligible retail electric microgrid customer when the electric utility and the eligible retail electric microgrid customer are unable to negotiate a written agreement.

An eligible retail electric A microgrid customer seeking to apply for a special rate contract shall first enter into negotiations with the utility that provides it with electric power, within whose service territory the microgrid district is located regarding the terms and conditions of a mutually agreeable special rate contract. If the negotiations result in an agreement between the eligible retail electric microgrid customer and the utility within 120 days, the eligible retail electric customer microgrid customer and the utility shall make a joint filing jointly file with the Public Service Commission seeking approval of the proposed special rate contract. If the negotiations are unsuccessful in the 120-day period, the eligible retail electric microgrid customer may file a petition with the Public Service Commission to consider establishing a special rate contract. The Public Service Commission shall have the authority to establish a special rate upon the filing of either a joint filing or a petition pursuant to this section. The Public Service Commission shall consider all relevant factors in establishing a special contract. Upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section, the Public Service Commission shall establish a special contract for the provision of requested service, including backup and supplemental service to a microgrid customer within the microgrid district. Microgrid customers' load within the microgrid district not covered by a contract for back up and supplemental service shall be considered non-firm and interruptible. The Public Service Commission shall establish a special contract upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section and shall do so within 90 days of filing.

(f) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2028: *Provided*, That the expiration of this section shall not affect any high impact industrial business development district previously approved by the secretary *Electrical infrastructure costs*. — Regulated electric utility customers shall not bear any costs including, but not limited to, construction, operational, ancillary services, grid-related, energy-related, or capacity-related associated with any electricity generation, transmission or distribution facilities that provide electrical service to a microgrid district. Any costs of this nature are to be borne by the generator or electricity consumers situated within the microgrid district.

(g)(1) *Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Electricity Generation and Distribution* — Notwithstanding the provisions of §5D-1-14, §7-5-13, §7-11B-3(b), §7-11B-8(c)(4), §7-11B-15(a)(7), §7-11B-15(a)(15), §7-11B-18, §8-19-4, §8-29A-7, §8A-12-12, §11-13-2p, §11-13C-5(l)(1)(A), §16-13A-21, §16-15-18(b)(6), §17-16A-16(b), §17-16B-20(b), §18-9A-12(c), § 31-21-5, and §31-21-15 of this code, or any other provision of this code, no payment in lieu of taxes shall be entered into with relation to the property of any electricity generating plant, facility, or generating unit or any property comprising, in whole or in part, any electricity distribution apparatus, equipment, lines or facilities (A) located in the county and (B) directly or indirectly dedicated to providing electric power to any plant, facility or property subject to this subsection. Nor shall any payment in lieu of taxes be entered into with relation to any leasehold interest or any other property interest related thereto.

(2) Tax Increment Financing — Notwithstanding the provisions of §7-11B-1 et seq. of this code, or any other provision of this code, no tax increment financing project, plan or arrangement shall be entered into or undertaken with relation to any electricity generation or distribution property subject to this subsection.

(3) For purposes of this subsection, an electricity generating plant, facility, or generating unit or electricity distribution apparatus, equipment, lines, or facilities shall be deemed to be "dedicated" to providing electric power to any plant, facility, or property subject to this subsection if not less than 75% of the output of the electricity generation property or electricity distribution property, measured in kilowatt hours, are used to supply electricity to a facility, project, or series of related or integrated facilities within the county or counties subject to this subsection.

(4) For purposes of this section, property includes all real property, all buildings and structures affixed to land, and all tangible personal property, including, but not limited to equipment, inventories and mobile equipment, and also including property subject to special salvage valuation under §11-6A-1 et seq., §11-6E-1 et seq., §11-6H-1 et seq., §11-6J-1 et seq., §11-6F-1 et seq., and §11-6L-1 et seq. of this code, or any other special ad valorem property valuation provision of this code; Provided, That property subject to special valuation shall be allowed that special valuation as authorized by law, for purposes of calculating and determining the ad valorem property tax imposed with relation thereto, notwithstanding being otherwise subject to the provisions of this section.

(h) Microgrid District Development; Letters of Intent — To become a certified microgrid district under this section, the person or entity must present the Secretary of the Department of Commerce with a confidential letter of intent. The letter of intent shall include sufficient economic, financial, and engineering information concerning the proposed project with sufficient detail to adequately inform the department of the size, scope, and nature of the target customers of the project, including, without limitation, the approximate proposed acreage and location, estimated capital investment, evidence of financial capacity, estimated project completion date, major project milestones, estimated generation capacity, estimated power loading internal to the microgrid, estimated power, including backup power, needed from the local distribution electric utility, estimated power supplied to the wholesale market, and the types or sources of each electric power generation unit. The letter of intent and all supplied information shall be held in confidence pursuant to §5B-2-21a(e) of this code by the department.

(i) Microgrid District Development; Notice Period and Negotiation — At least 120 days before submitting a letter of intent and other materials to the department, an applicant seeking a microgrid district certification must make good faith efforts to negotiate for the supply of all or part of its electricity needs for the project from the local distribution electric utility. The letter of intent must also include documentation evidencing the good faith efforts to negotiate. This time-period limitation and negotiation requirement does not apply to microgrid districts proposing to produce 300 megawatts or more of electricity or for microgrid districts that are proposing to not be connected in any way to the local distribution electric utility after completion of all construction.

(j) Microgrid District Development; Special Contracts and Power Rates — (1) A certified microgrid district seeking to apply for a special contract from a local distribution electric utility located in the state shall first enter negotiations for not more than 120 days with the local distribution utility regarding the terms and conditions of a special contract. The microgrid district shall provide reasonable access and terms to the local distribution utility to enable the electric utility's transmission and/or distribution facilities to tie into those of the microgrid district. The 120-

day negotiation period required by this section may be satisfied by the precertification negotiation period required by §5B-2-21(i) of this code.

(2) If the negotiations result in a mutually agreeable special contract, the contracting parties shall jointly file the special contract pursuant to the rules of the commission.

(3) If negotiations for a special contract with the local distribution utility are unsuccessful, a certified microgrid district may file a petition with the commission to establish a special contract.

(4) The commission shall establish a special contract upon the filing of a petition pursuant to this section. The Public Service Commission shall consider all relevant factors in establishing special contracts. The Public Service Commission shall establish a special rate for the requested service, including backup and supplemental service to a microgrid district. The microgrid district's load not covered by a contract shall be considered non-firm and interruptible. The commission shall issue a final order determining the terms of a special contract within 90 days of filing of a petition.

### **§5B-2-21a. Data Centers.**

(a) Findings and purpose. — The Legislature hereby finds and declares the following:

(1) Data centers represent a significant and growing sector of the economy, generating substantial economic activity, including jobs, infrastructure investments, and technological innovation.

(2) Data centers are critical national infrastructure that require abundant, low-cost energy to protect sensitive data, operate high-level computation assets, and ensure the resilience of the digital economy.

(3) The People's Republic of China is positioning itself to be the global leader of data centers and is investing in technology to encourage the flow of data toward China instead of toward the United States.

(4) It is in the United States' national security interests to limit the flow of data to China and to protect the flow of data and maximize computational power inside the United States. The President has declared that it is the policy of the United States "to sustain and enhance America's global AI dominance in order to promote human flourishing, economic competitiveness and national security." Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence, Executive Order 14179 (Jan 23, 2025).

(5) As of early 2025, the highest concentration of high-level computational power and data centers in the world is located in Loudoun County, Virginia. This severe concentration of data centers in one location is a national security vulnerability because it invites the potential for cyberattacks and espionage against the Nation's critical data infrastructure.

(6) Data centers have historically obtained their electricity from the electric grid. Some data center developers now seek or require the use of microgrids to provide their primary and backup power.

(7) West Virginia is strategically positioned as the best location in the United States to place data centers due to: (A) its close proximity to Washington, D.C., and the federal government; (B)

its close proximity to the majority of the Nation's population; (C) its low tax rates; (D) it having the least restrictive regulatory environment in the Nation; (E) its supply of abundant energy and natural resources to power the data centers; (F) its supply of resources, such as coal mine methane blended with natural gas, to assist data centers locating in West Virginia to meet their energy needs and environmental goals; and (G) its skilled and loyal workforce that has some of the lowest turnover rates in the Nation.

As such, the state has a significant interest in encouraging the development and expansion of data centers, which can serve as drivers of broader economic growth. The Legislature finds that these externalities transcend local borders, including environmental concerns, energy consumption, and regional economic growth. Additionally, the provisions in this section align with the Legislature's goal of fostering a competitive, forward-thinking economy that benefits all residents.

(b) *Program established.* — The High Impact Data Center Program is hereby created and is to be administered as a program within the Division of Economic Development to encourage the continued development, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion in West Virginia of high impact data centers. In order to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Division of Economic Development, or any agency, division, or subdivision thereof, may promulgate legislative rules, including emergency rules, in accordance with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(c) *Notification.* — Any data center shall compare its current or planned operations against the definition of "high impact data center" established in §11-6N-2 of this code and provide notification to the Division of Economic Development when the data center becomes aware that it will satisfy or has satisfied that definition. The notification will include information addressing the elements of that definition, including known or expected power consumption of the data center. This notification shall be made (1) within 30 days after the data center determines that it meets these requirements, or (2) when the data center reasonably anticipates that it will, at some future date, meet these requirements, in which case the data center may provide that anticipated future date in its notification.

(d) *Certification.* — The Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall identify and certify high impact data centers in this state upon a finding that a data center satisfies the requirements for the definition of "high impact data center" set forth in §11-6N-2 of this code. The Secretary shall issue confirmation of certification to a high impact data center within 14 days following receipt of the notification from the data center required by this section.

(e) *Recordkeeping.* — Any information provided by a data center pursuant to this section that is identified by the data center as confidential business information shall be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. The Secretary shall take reasonable and appropriate steps to protect this information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Secretary shall maintain a complete list of all certified high impact data centers and all relevant information that can be made available to the Governor and Legislature, removing specifically identifying information to ensure confidentiality of any such information as identified by any high impact data center.

**§5B-2-21b. Authority to assist certified microgrid district projects and certified high impact data center projects; legislative findings.**

(a) *Findings and purpose.* — The Legislature hereby finds and declares the following:

(1) The findings and purpose set forth in §5B-2-21a(a) (2025), except to the extent expressly modified herein, are hereby incorporated herein by reference with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

(2) It is in the best interests of the state to induce and assist in development of these projects, in order to advance the public purposes of relieving unemployment by preserving and creating jobs, and preserving and creating new and greater sources of revenue for the support of public services provided by the state and local government.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature to occupy the whole field of the creation and regulation of certified microgrid districts and certified high impact data centers. The stated purpose of this section is to promote uniform and consistent application of the act within the state.

(b) The Department of Commerce shall assist projects developing or operating a certified microgrid district pursuant to §5B-2-21 of this code or a certified high impact data center pursuant to §5B-2-21a of this code. The Secretary of Commerce shall designate one of their personnel as "Data Economy Liaison" to serve as a single point-of-contact for certified microgrid districts and high impact data centers to assist coordinate and expedite their development and operation, including, but not limited to site selection and permitting. A "certified microgrid district" is a microgrid project, regardless of stage of development or operation, that has been certified by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce as set forth in §5B-2-21 of this code. A "certified high impact data center" is a data center project, regardless of stage of development or operation, that has been certified by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce as set forth in §5B-2-21a of this code.

(c) This section prohibits:

(1) Counties and municipalities, whether by ordinance, resolution, administrative act, or otherwise, from enacting, adopting, implementing, or enforcing ordinances, regulations, or rules which limit, in any way, the creation of, and acquisition, construction, equipping, development, expansion, and operation of any certified microgrid district or certified high impact data center project; and

(2) Counties and municipalities from imposing or enforcing local laws and ordinances concerning the creation or regulation of any certified microgrid district or certified high impact data center therein.

(d) In accordance with §5B-2-21(b) and §5B-2-21(c) of this code, and notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, or any municipality's home rule powers with respect to ordinances and ordinance procedures, including any authority pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Program under §8-1-5a of this code, certified microgrid districts and certified high impact data centers may not be subject to the following:

(1) County or municipal zoning, horticultural, noise, viewshed, lighting, development, or land use ordinances, restrictions, limitations, or approvals;

(2) County or municipal building permitting, inspection, or code enforcement;

(3) County or municipal license requirements;

(4) The legal jurisdiction of the county or municipality in which the certified microgrid district or certified high impact data center is entirely or partially located, except as specifically provided in this article;

(5) Any requirement under state law for the consent or approval of the municipality in which a certified microgrid district or certified high impact data center is entirely or partially located of any state or county action pursuant to this code, specifically including, but not limited to, §7-11B-1 et seq. of this code, for formal consent of the governing body of a municipality for county or state action regarding the establishment of tax increment financing development or redevelopment districts or the approval of tax increment financing development or redevelopment plans.

(e) Notwithstanding the creation of a certified microgrid district or a certified high impact data center, the owner, operator, or manager, as applicable, and all tenants, lessees or licensees thereof, of a certified microgrid district or a certified high impact data center shall:

(1) Pay business and occupation tax, if applicable, pursuant to §8-13-5 of this code, to the municipality in the same manner as any other business or commercial venture located within the municipality;

(2) Collect and remit municipal sales and service tax and municipal use tax, if applicable, pursuant to §8-1-5a, §8-13C-4, and §8-13C-5 of this code, to the municipality in the same manner as any other business or commercial venture located within the municipality;

(3) Pay ad valorem real and personal property tax pursuant to the same millage rates as any other business or commercial venture located within the county and municipality;

(4) Pay all municipal service fees enacted pursuant to §8-13-13 of this code, including, but not limited to, fire, police, sanitation, or city service fees;

(5) Pay all utility rates, fees, and charges for utilities used or consumed during construction and operation of premises within the certified microgrid district or certified high impact data center, including, but not limited to, water, sewer, stormwater, and garbage and recycling collection: *Provided*, That (A) The rates, fees, and charges for such services shall be based on the cost of providing such service and the utility shall enter into a contract under the rules of the Public Service Commission for each such service with the developer and file the special contract with the Public Service Commission; and (B) the developer shall only be required to pay any capacity improvement fee or impact fee to the extent that capital additions, betterments, and improvements must be designed, acquired, constructed, and equipped by the utility to provide such service to the project; Utility customers outside of the microgrid district shall not bear any construction or operational costs associated with any new utility property built solely to provide service within a microgrid district;

(6) Be entitled to municipal police protection and municipal fire protection, if available, in the same manner as any other business or commercial venture located within the municipality; and

(7) Design, acquire, construct, and equip the certified microgrid district or certified data center pursuant to the State Building Code in accordance with §8-12-13 of this code and the corresponding State Rule 87 CSR 4.

(f) The Department of Commerce, Department of Environmental Protection, and Department of Transportation may take actions necessary in support of the development of any certified

microgrid district or certified data center, including, but not limited to, the development or improvement of such highways, roads, thoroughfares, and sidewalks within any county or municipality in which the certified microgrid district or certified data center is partially or entirely located.

(g) In order to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Department of Commerce, or any agency, division, or subdivision thereof, may promulgate legislative rules, including emergency rules, in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

## **ARTICLE 2N. GRID STABILIZATION AND SECURITY ACT OF 2023.**

### **§5B-2N-2a. Creating a Electronic Grid Stabilization and Security Fund.**

(a) The Electronic Grid Stabilization and Security Fund is hereby created. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Commerce and shall consist of all moneys made available for the purposes and from the sources set forth in this section of the code.

(b) The fund consists of moneys received from the following sources:

(1) All moneys received pursuant to §11-6N-4(b)(4)(C) of this code;

(2) All appropriations provided by the Legislature;

(3) Any moneys available from external sources; and

(4) All interest and other income earned from investment of moneys in the fund.

(c) The Department of Commerce shall use moneys in the fund to provide support for electric grid stabilization for regulated utilities and grid security, including development, efficiency, and environmental upgrades, but not decommissioning and replacement of existing facilities; maintenance of utility owned and operated coal and natural gas electric generation, regardless of unit or plant ownership by different regulatory jurisdictions; transmission resources which solely serve West Virginia rate payers.

(d) Any balance, including accrued interest and any other returns, in the Electronic Grid Stabilization and Security Fund at the end of each fiscal year may not expire to the General Revenue Fund but remain in the fund and be expended for the purposes provided by this section.

(e) Fund balances may be invested with the state's Consolidated Investment Fund. Earnings on the investments shall be used solely for the purposes defined in §5B-2-16(c) of this code.

(f) In order to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Department of Commerce may promulgate legislative rules, including emergency rules, in accordance with §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code.

## **CHAPTER 11. TAXATION.**

### **ARTICLE 6N. SPECIAL METHOD FOR VALUATION OF CERTAIN HIGH-TECHNOLOGY PROPERTY.**

#### **§11-6N-1. Legislative findings and purpose.**

The Legislature hereby finds and declares the following:

The findings and purpose set forth in §5B-2-21a(a) (2025) (except to the extent expressly modified herein) are hereby incorporated herein by reference with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

**§11-6N-2. Definitions.**

(a) General — When used in this article, words defined in §11-6N-2(b) of this code have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where a different meaning is provided in this article or the context in which the word is used clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended by the Legislature.

(b) Definitions — For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Affiliated group" means one or more chains of corporations, limited liability entities, or partnerships, or any combination thereof, connected through the ownership of stock or ownership interests with a common parent which is a corporation, limited liability entity, or partnership, but only if the common parent owns directly, or indirectly, a controlling interest in each of the members of the group.

(2) "Base assessed value" means the taxable assessed value of all data center property of a high impact data center as shown upon the landbooks and personal property books of the assessor on July 1 of the calendar year preceding certification as a high impact data center.

(3) "Current assessed value" means the annual taxable assessed value of all data center property of a high impact data center as shown upon the landbook and personal property records of the assessor.

(4) "Critical IT load" means that portion of electric power capacity, expressed in terms of megawatts, which is reserved solely for owners or tenants of a data center to operate their computer server and required supporting equipment.

(5) "Data center property" means property used exclusively at a data center to construct, outfit, operate, support, power, cool, dehumidify, secure, or protect a data center and any contiguous dedicated substations. The term includes, but is not limited to, construction materials, component parts, machinery, equipment, computers, servers, installations, redundancies, and operating or enabling software, including any replacements, updates and new versions, and upgrades to or for such property, regardless of whether the property is a fixture or is otherwise affixed to or incorporated into real property.

(6) "High Impact Data Center" means a facility or group of facilities that:

(A) Consists of one or more parcels in this state, along with the buildings, substations and other infrastructure, fixtures, and personal property located on the parcels;

(B) Is owned, operated, or leased by an entity or affiliated group of entities;

(C) Is used to house and operate equipment that receives, stores, aggregates, manages, processes, transforms, retrieves, researches, or transmits data; or that is necessary for the proper

operation of equipment that receives, stores, aggregates, manages, processes, transforms, retrieves, researches, or transmits data;

(D) Has a critical IT load in the aggregate of 90 megawatts total or higher; and

(E) Is placed into service on or after July 1, 2025.

(7) "Incremental value", for any high impact data center, means the difference between the base assessed value and the current assessed value. The incremental value will be positive if the current value exceeds the base value, and the incremental value will be negative if the current value is less than the base assessed value.

(8) "Microgrid power generator" includes any entity supplying power under the rules provided in §5B-2-21 of this code to a high impact data center.

(9) "Microgrid power generator property" means and includes any and all property used by microgrid power generator within a certified microgrid district.

(10) "Situs county" means the county or counties in which any High Impact Data Center property subject to tax is located, in relative proportion to the amount of data center property located therein.

(11) "Tax increment" means the amount of regular levy property taxes attributable to the amount by which the current assessed value of real and tangible personal property that is data center property of a high impact data center exceeds the base assessed value of the property.

### **§11-6N-3. Returns of property of high impact data centers to Board of Public Works.**

(a) On or before May 1 in each year, a return in writing shall be filed with the Board of Public Works: By the owner or operator of any company holding data center property of a high impact data center or a microgrid power generator supplying microgrid power to a high impact data center.

(b) The words "owner or operator," as applied herein to high impact data centers, shall include any owner or operator of a high impact data center or microgrid power generator.

(c) The return shall be signed and sworn to by the owner or operator if a natural person, or, if the owner or operator shall be a corporation, shall be signed and sworn to by its president, vice president, secretary, or principal accounting officer.

(d) The return required by this section of every owner or operator shall cover the year ending on December 31, next preceding, and shall be made on forms prescribed by the Board of Public Works, which board is hereby invested with full power and authority and it is hereby made its duty to prescribe the forms required from any owner or operator herein mentioned information as in the judgment of the board may be of use to it in determining the true and actual value of the properties of the owners or operators.

(e) Except for the special rules for tax distribution provided in §11-6N-4 of this code, the provisions of this article are subject to the Assessment of Public Service Businesses, set forth in §11-6-1, *et seq.* of this code, as if the provisions thereof were set forth in extenso in this article.

**§11-6N-4. Special Rules for Tax Distribution of High Impact Data Centers.**

(a) On and after July 1, 2025, any property subject to valuation under §11-6N-3 of this code shall be subject to the rules on tax distribution provided under this section.

(b) The State Auditor shall maintain a separate and discrete accounting of each High Impact Data Center project regarding tax distribution provided in this section and any distribution to which a county is entitled as provided by this section shall be distributed directly to the situs county for each project.

(c) Ad Valorem Property Tax Distribution — The provisions of this subsection are applicable to all data center property of a high impact data center upon certification as a high impact data center per §11-6N-2 of this code.

(1) For so long as the high impact data center exists, the State Auditor shall divide the *ad valorem* property tax revenue collected, with respect to taxable data center property of a high impact data center as follows:

(A) The amount of *ad valorem* property tax revenue that should be generated by multiplying the assessed value of the property for the then current tax year by the aggregate of applicable levy rates for the tax year;

(B) The amount of *ad valorem* property tax revenue that should be generated by multiplying the base assessed value of the property by the applicable regular *ad valorem* levy rates for the tax year;

(C) The amount of *ad valorem* tax revenue that should be generated by multiplying the base assessed value of the property for the current tax year by the applicable levy rates for general obligation bond debt service for the tax year;

(D) The amount of *ad valorem* property tax revenue that should be generated by multiplying the current assessed value of the property for the current tax year by the applicable excess levy rates for the tax year; and

(E) The amount of *ad valorem* property tax revenue that should be generated by multiplying the incremental value by the applicable regular levy rates for the tax year.

(2) The State Auditor shall determine from the calculations set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection the percentage share of total *ad valorem* revenue for each levying body according to paragraphs (B) through (D), inclusive, of said subdivision by dividing each of such amounts by the total *ad valorem* revenue figure determined by the calculation in paragraph (A) of said subdivision; and

(3) On each date on which *ad valorem* tax revenue is to be distributed to the levying bodies, such revenue shall be distributed by:

(A) Applying the percentage share determined according to paragraph (B), subdivision (1) of this subsection to the revenues received and distributing such share to the levying bodies entitled to such distribution pursuant to current law;

(B) Applying the percentage share determined according to paragraph (C), subdivision (1) of this subsection to the revenues received and distributing such share to the levying bodies entitled to such distribution by reason of having general obligation bonds outstanding;

(C) Applying the percentage share determined according to paragraph (D), subdivision (1) of this subsection to the revenues received and distributing such share to the levying bodies entitled to such distribution by reason of having excess levies in effect for the tax year; and

(D) Applying the percentage share determined according to paragraph (E), subdivision (1) of this subsection to the revenues received and distributing such share to a fund dedicated at the time of construction of a high impact data center.

(4) In each year for which there is a positive tax increment, the State Auditor shall remit that portion of the *ad valorem* property taxes collected that consists of the tax increment and shall be distributed as follows:

(A) 55 percent of the increment shall be placed in the Personal Income Tax Reduction Fund provided in §11B-2-33 of this code;

(B) 30 percent of the increment to a county in which a data center is located;

(C) 5 percent of the increment to all counties on a per capita basis according to the most recent census;

(D) 5 percent of the increment shall be placed in the state road fund;

(E) 5 percent of the increment shall be placed in the Economic Enhancement Grant Fund administered by the Water Development Authority provided in §22C-1-6a.

(5)(A) *Payment In Lieu Of Taxes, Increment Property* — Notwithstanding the provisions of §5D-1-14, §7-5-13, §7-11B-3(b), §7-11B-8(c)(4), §7-11B-15(a)(7), §7-11B-15(a)(15), §7-11B-18, §8-19-4, §8-29A-7, §8A-12-12, §11-13-2p, §11-13C-5(l)(1)(A), §16-13A-21, §16-15-18(b)(6), §17-16A-16(b), §17-16B-20(b), §18-9A-12(c), §31-21-5, and §31-21-15 of this code, or any other provision of this code, no payment in lieu of taxes shall be entered into with relation to any property subject to this section or any leasehold interest related thereto, or any other property interest related thereto.

(B) *Tax Increment Financing, Increment Property* — Notwithstanding the provisions of §7-11B-1 *et seq.* of this code, or any other provision of this code, no tax increment financing project, plan or arrangement shall be entered into or undertaken with relation to any property subject to this section.

#### **§11-6N-5. Termination.**

The provisions of this article shall sunset, expire, and be of no force and effect on or after December 31, 2055.

#### **ARTICLE 8. LEVIES.**

**§11-8-6E. Effect on regular levy rate when appraisal results in tax increase; public hearings.**

[Repealed].

**CHAPTER 11B. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE****ARTICLE 2. STATE BUDGET OFFICE.****§11B-2-33. Personal Income Tax Reduction Fund.**

(a) The personal income tax reduction fund is hereby established. The personal income tax reduction fund shall be funded continuously and on a revolving basis in accordance with this section, with all interest or other earnings on the moneys therein credited to the fund. The personal income tax reduction fund shall be funded as provided in §11-6N-4(b)(4) of this code. Moneys in the personal income tax reduction fund may be expended solely for the purposes set forth in this section.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code to the contrary, on or before the last day of any fiscal year, the net proceeds of the personal income tax reduction fund will be certified and included as a portion of adjusted general revenue fund collections under the provisions of §11-21-4h of this code for that fiscal year.

(c) Not later than 60 days following the certification, the Secretary of Revenue shall transfer the certified amount determined in subsection (b) of this section to the general revenue fund. The amounts transferred will not be included as a portion of adjusted general revenue fund collections under the provisions of §11-21-4h of this code for the fiscal year in which the money is transferred.

(d) The moneys in the income tax reduction fund shall be made available to the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments and to the West Virginia Investment Management Board for management and investment of the moneys in accordance with the provisions of §12-6C-1 *et seq.* of this code in such amounts as may be directed in the discretion of the Secretary of Revenue. Any balance of the income tax reduction fund, including accrued interest and other return earned thereon at the end of any fiscal year, shall not revert to the General Fund but shall remain in the income tax reduction fund for the purposes set forth in this section.

(e) Termination – Upon the certification of a reduction in the personal income tax under the provisions of §11-21-4h of this code that results in the elimination of the personal income tax, or if the personal income tax provided for under §11-21-1 *et seq.* is eliminated by separate enactment of the Legislature, this fund will be thereby eliminated and any monies dedicated thereto shall be dedicated to the general revenue of the state.

**CHAPTER 24. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.****ARTICLE 2. POWERS AND DUTIES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.****§24-2-1d. Future electric generating capacity requirements.**

(a) In order to maximize the use of electricity generated within the state by using coal or natural gas produced within the state, the Public Service Commission shall by order, no later than December 31, 1989, establish the schedule and amount of future electric generating capacity additions required by each West Virginia electric utility, for the next ten years, taking into account: (i) Projected load growth; (ii) existing generating capacity; (iii) existing contractual commitments to sell or purchase capacity; (iv) planned retirement and life extensions of existing capacity; (v) planned construction of capacity; (vi) availability of capacity from generating units of affiliated companies; (vii) capacity factors for existing generation; and ~~(vii)~~ (viii) such other reasonable

factors as the commission may deem relevant and appropriate to consider. For purposes of this section, "capacity factor" shall mean the ratio of the actual energy produced by a power plant over a specific period to the maximum possible energy it could have produced if running at full capacity during that same period.

(b) If the commission determines after considering all such named and other relevant and appropriate factors that a utility will be required to purchase electric generating capacity beyond those agreements approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or the West Virginia Public Service Commission in order to serve its West Virginia customers, the amount of such required additional purchased capacity so identified by the commission will for purposes of this section be referred to as the utility's "projected deficient capacity": *Provided*, That this subsection shall not include power generating facilities whose total production of electricity is sold outside the State of West Virginia.

(c) In the interests of: Keeping utility rates of residential customers as low as possible; keeping utility rates for commercial and industrial customers competitive with those of other states; attracting new industry for which electric power costs are a major factor in location determinations; and of not placing any greater cost burden on government than is absolutely necessary for its electric power needs, each utility shall acquire, if reasonable, its projected deficient capacity from electric generation situated in West Virginia which burns coal or gas produced in West Virginia and which will provide the most reliable supply of capacity and energy at the least cost to those customers of the utility who will be served by such electric generation: *Provided*, That all power purchase contracts executed prior to the effective date of this section which satisfy the following requirements, regardless of location, shall be considered, for the purposes of this subsection, as electric generation situated in West Virginia: (1) Said contracts were negotiated in accordance with procedures and priced according to methodologies of other contracts which the commission has ordered approved; (2) said contracts either guarantee or are substantially amended to guarantee for the life of the contract the use of an amount of West Virginia fuel which equals or exceeds the amount which would be required, on a percentage of output basis, to produce the amount of electric power to be consumed in West Virginia; and (3) said contracts meet the requirements for a qualifying facility established by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

(d) The commission shall evaluate each capacity auction conducted by PJM Interconnection, LLC, or its successor and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, encourage the coordination of the voluntary participation of every electric generating unit in the state in each capacity auction for the benefit of ratepayers in the state.

(e) In order to ensure the state's existing generating units can continue to meet future generation needs, the commission shall conduct a review of each generating unit's current consumer economic dispatch. Factors to be considered by the commission in reviewing consumer economic dispatch shall include, but not be limited to: (1) current capacity factors; (2) management of fuel supplies and contracts; (3) overall plant operation and maintenance; (4) placement of bids in the PJM Interconnection, LLC, or its successor's day-ahead and real-time energy markets; (5) utilization of the PJM Interconnection, LLC, or its successor's Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) or Fixed Resource Requirement (FRR); and (6) the utilization of automatic adjustment clauses, price indexes, or fuel adjustment clauses by the utilities. For purposes of this section, "consumer economic dispatch" shall mean the process of operating generation facilities to produce electricity at the lowest cost while reliably meeting consumer demand, considering the operational limits of generation and transmission facilities.

(f) Electric utilities shall be prepared to maximize the production of electricity from their generating units when such self-generation will result in reduced energy costs for West Virginia ratepayers. The commission shall require the utilities to maintain their thermal baseload generating units in a manner to allow them to be able to self-generate and achieve at least a sixty-nine percent capacity factor. Nothing herein shall require a utility to operate a generating unit at a sixty-nine percent capacity if doing so will cause an increase in the charge or charges for electric energy over and above the established and published tariff, rate, joint rate, charge, toll or schedule. The commission shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code to carry out its duties and obligations as set forth herein.

**§24-2-1q. Base fuel coal supply requirements for electric grid resiliency.**

Any coal-fired power plant owned by a public electric utility as of the effective date of this section shall, Recognizing that coal inventories at coal-fired power plants may increase and decrease over time, in order to ensure grid resiliency and homeland security, each generating public utility shall plan incoming and outgoing coal so as to maintain an average annual minimum 30-day aggregate coal supply on site at each coal-fired power plant under contract for the remainder of the life of those plants. The commission may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code to carry out its duties and obligations as set forth herein.

**§24-2-15. Certain Automatic adjustment clauses, price indexes or fuel adjustment clauses prohibited.**

The commission shall not enforce, originate, continue, establish, change or otherwise authorize or permit an increase in the charge or charges for electric energy over and above the established and published tariff, rate, joint rate, charge, toll or schedule through as the result of any automatic adjustment clause, fuel supply price index, or fuel adjustment clause. Automatic adjustment clauses, fuel supply contract price indexes, or fuel adjustment clauses that do not create a net increase in the charge or charges for electric energy over and above the established and published tariff, rate, joint rate, charge, toll, or schedule shall be permitted by the commission. For purposes of this section, a "net increase" in the charge or charges for electric service shall mean that for the calendar year in which the automatic adjustment clause, fuel supply contract price index, or fuel adjustment clause is utilized, the average charge or charges for electric energy are higher than they would have been if the adjustment clause, fuel supply contract price index, or fuel adjustment clause were not utilized. The commission shall encourage the use of permitted automatic adjustment clauses, fuel supply contract price indexes, or fuel adjustment clauses as a means of increasing the generation of coal-fired power plants within the state. The Commission shall promulgate procedural rules governing the utilization of automatic adjustment clauses, fuel supply contract price indexes, and fuel adjustment clauses.

**§24-2-19. Integrated Resource Planning Required.**

(a) Not later than March 31, 2015, the Public Service Commission shall issue an order directing any electric utility that does not have an existing requirement approved by the Public Service Commission that provides for the future review of both supply side and demand side resources to develop an initial integrated resource plan to be filed not later than January 1, 2016, in conjunction with other similar deadlines required by other states or entities of the electric utilities. This order may include guidelines for developing an integrated resource plan.

(b)(1) Any electric utility that has an existing requirement approved by the Public Service Commission that provides for the future review of both supply side and demand side resources is exempt from this initial integrated resource plan filing until such time as that existing requirement has been satisfied. Thereafter, such electric utility is required to file an integrated resource plan pursuant to §24-2-19(a) of this code.

(2) Each electric utility that has filed the initial integrated resource plan shall file an updated plan at least every five years after the initial integrated resource plan has been filed. Any electric utility that was exempt from filing an initial integrated resource plan shall file an integrated resource plan within five years of satisfying any existing requirement and at least every five years thereafter. All integrated resource plans shall comply with the provisions of any relevant order of the Public Service Commission establishing guidelines for the format and contents of updated and revised integrated resource plans.

(c) The Public Service Commission shall analyze and review an integrated resource plan. The Public Service Commission may request further information from the utility, as necessary. Nothing in this section affects the obligations of utilities to obtain otherwise applicable commission approvals.

(d) The Commission may consider both supply-side and demand-side resources when developing the requirements for the integrated resource plans. The plan shall compare projected peak demands with current and planned capacity resources in order to develop a portfolio of resources that represents a reasonable balance of cost and risk for the utility and its customers in meeting future demand for the provision of adequate and reliable service to its electric customers as specified by the Public Service Commission.

(e) The commission shall by order, entered no later than July 1, 2025, require all electric utilities operating in the state to supplement their existing integrated resource plans to include a detailed plant upgrade and maintenance plan, improvement compliance schedule, and cost estimate for ensuring the operation of each generating unit through their planned retirement date. The supplemental integrated resource plan shall also include an analysis of the action necessary to extend the life of each generating unit beyond their planned retirement date. Subject to notice and comment from interested parties, the commission may approve the supplemental integrated resource plan without modification or require modification of the supplemental plan before it is approved. The commission shall promulgate rules requiring the supplementation of integrated resource plans as required by this provision. The rules shall also provide a procedure for utilities to submit an independent evaluation of any modification required by the commission hereunder or to challenge such required modification.

On motion of Senator Jeffries, the following amendments to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 21, section 4, lines 55 and 56, by striking out all of paragraph (E) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (E) to read as follows:

(E) 5 percent of the increment shall be placed in the Electric Grid Stabilization and Security Fund provided in §5B-2N-2a.;

And,

On page 22, section 6E, by striking out the section heading and substituting therefor a new section heading to read as follows:

**§11-8-6e. Effect on regular levy rate when appraisal results in tax increase; public hearings.**

On motion of Senator Rose, the following amendments to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) were next reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 3, section 21, lines 67 through 69, by striking out all of subdivision (7);

And,

On page 28, after line 40, by inserting a new section, designated section 21a, to read as follows:

**§24-2-21a. Commission authority required when closing an electric generating plant and circumstances of closure in another jurisdiction.**

(a) A public electric utility may not retire, abandon, close, or otherwise permanently render incapable of operating, any electric generating plant or unit without the prior consent and approval of the commission. No funds obtained from (1) the Grid Stabilization and Security Fund set forth in 5B-2N-2a, (2) an environmental control bond issued pursuant to 24-2-4(e), (3) a consumer rate relief bond issued pursuant to 24-2-4f, (4) or a utility consumer rate relief bond issued pursuant to 24-2-4h shall be used by a public utility to retire, abandon, close, or otherwise permanently render incapable of operating, any electric generating plant or unit.

(b) If an electric utility serving customers in both West Virginia and in an area not subject to the jurisdiction of the commission is ordered to cease operations of a generating plant or unit by the regulating authority of the other jurisdiction and the costs of the plant or unit had been shared through an allocation process for rate making purposes and after a commission proceeding and determination that a generating plant or unit should continue to operate, then the utility shall recover all of the capital, operating and maintenance costs of the electric generation plant or unit from its West Virginia customers to the extent that such costs are no longer allocable to the other jurisdiction, and all of the associated capacity, energy, and environmental attributes shall be assigned to its customers and operations in West Virginia.

On motion of Senator Helton, the following amendment to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) was next reported by the Clerk and adopted:

On page 21, section 4, line lines 49 through 56, striking out all of paragraphs (A) through (E) and inserting in lieu thereof 5 new paragraphs (A) through (E) to read as follows:

(A) 50 percent of the increment shall be placed in the Personal Income Tax Reduction Fund provided in §11B-2-33 of this code;

(B) 40 percent of the increment to a county in which a data center is located;

(C) 5 percent of the increment to all counties on a per capita basis according to the most recent census;

(D) 3 percent of the increment shall be placed in the Low Income Energy Assistance Program administered by Department of Human Services;

(E) 2 percent of the increment shall be placed in the Electronic Grid Stabilization and Security Fund provided in §5B-2N-2a.;

On motion of Senator Tarr, the following amendment to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) was next reported by the Clerk:

On page 19, section 4, line 2, after the word "section" by changing the period to a colon and inserting the following proviso: *Provided*, That any county that has demonstrated by written or electronic contract or correspondence dated on or before February 1, 2025 with an engineer or engineering firm for the purpose of data center development, a data center developer, site locator, data center owner or owning entity, or legal representative of such is exempt from all provisions of this section for the data center so demonstrated.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of Senator Tarr's amendment to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill, the same was put and did not prevail.

On motions of Senators Tarr and Boley, the following amendment to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) was next reported by the Clerk:

On page 3, section 21, line 66, after the word "market" by changing the period to a colon and inserting the following proviso: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of this article, coal fired merchant plants in existence prior to February 1, 2025, may sell into the wholesale market as needed without limitation.

Following discussion,

The question being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Senators Tarr and Boley to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill, the same was put and did not prevail.

On motion of Senator Martin, the following amendment to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) was next reported by the Clerk:

On page 22, section 6E, by striking out the entire article.

Senator Tarr arose to a point of order stating that Senator Martin's amendment to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill was not in order, because it was submitted after the time for filing amendments had elapsed.

Which point of order, the President ruled not well taken, stating that no rule requires an amendment to be filed by a certain time.

On motion of Senator Martin, at 6:29 p.m., the Senate recessed for 10 minutes.

The Senate reconvened at 6:57 p.m. and resumed consideration of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2014, Certified Microgrid Program.**

At the request of Senator Martin, and by unanimous consent, Senator Martin's amendment to the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill was withdrawn.

The question now being on the adoption of the Economic Development committee amendment to the bill, as amended, the same was put and prevailed.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014, as just amended, was then put upon its passage.

Pending discussion,

The question being "Shall Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014 pass?"

Senator Rose requested a ruling from the Chair as to whether he should be excused from voting under Rule 43 of the Rules of the Senate as he is an employee of a public electric utility company.

The Chair replied that any impact on Senator Rose would be as a member of a class of persons and that he would be required to vote.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Phillips—1.

Absent: Boley—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2014) passed.

At the request of Senator Jeffries, as chair of the Committee on Economic Development, and by unanimous consent, the unreported Economic Development committee amendment to the title of the bill was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator Jeffries, the following amendment to the title of the bill was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2014**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2-21, §24-2-1d, §24-2-1q, §24-2-4f, §24-2-15, §24-2-19, and §24-2-21a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend the code by adding four new sections, designated §5B-2-21a, §5B-2-21b, §5B-2N-2a, and §11B-2-33, and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §11-6N-1, §11-6N-2, §11-6N-3, §11-6N-4, and §11-6N-5, and to repeal §11-8-6e of said code, all relating to the generation and consumption of power; establishing the certified microgrid development program; providing for microgrid certification requirements; providing for microgrid electric service requirements; providing for microgrid customer eligibility; providing for microgrid special contracts; prohibiting microgrids from participating in Pilot and tax increment financing programs; defining

microgrid property subject to property tax; providing for microgrid letter of intent, notice period and negotiation; providing for microgrid special contracts; establishing the high impact data center program; providing for notification, certification, and recordkeeping; authorizing certain agencies to assist certified microgrid districts and certified high impact data centers; prohibiting local jurisdiction regulation of microgrid districts and high impact data centers; providing for payment of certain fees and taxes,; providing for certain services to microgrid districts and certified high impact data centers; establishing the electronic grid stabilization and security fund and its purpose; creating new article relating to special method for valuation of certain high technology property; defining terms; providing for microgrid districts and certified high impact data centers property returns to be filed with Board of Public Works; providing for special rules for tax distribution; establishing certain funds to receive distributions; terminating article; establishing the personal income tax reduction fund and providing for purpose; providing for additional duties of public service commission relating to future electric generating capacity, base fuel coal supply for electric grid resiliency, consumer rate relief bonds, and automatic adjustment clauses, price indexes, or fuel adjustment; providing for rulemaking; providing that certain funds may not be used by a public utility to close or cease operations at an electric generating plant; and relating to repeal of the effect on regular levy rate when appraisal results in tax increase.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

At the request of Senator Morris, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Queen as to the passage of Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014 were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

Action as to Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014 having been concluded, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3125**, To remove restrictions from teachers receiving permanent teaching licenses.

On third reading, coming up in deferred order, with the right having been granted on yesterday, Thursday, April 10, 2025, for amendments to be received on third reading, was again reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

Action as to Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 3125 having been concluded, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

**Eng. House Bill 3344**, Relating to the establishment of a grant program to fund the United States Food and Drug Administration's drug development trials with ibogaine.

On third reading, coming up in deferred order, was again reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill was laid over one day, retaining its place on the calendar.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment, as to

Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2026, Budget Bill.

On motion of Senator Barrett, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### TITLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS.

**Section 1. General policy.** – The purpose of this bill is to appropriate money necessary for the economical and efficient discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the state and its agencies during the fiscal year 2026.

**Sec. 2. Definitions.**—For the purpose of this bill:

"Governor" shall mean the Governor of the State of West Virginia.

"Code" shall mean the Code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended.

"Spending unit" shall mean the department, bureau, division, office, board, commission, agency, or institution to which an appropriation is made.

The "fiscal year 2026" shall mean the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

"General revenue fund" shall mean the general operating fund of the state and includes all moneys received or collected by the state except as provided in W.V. Code §12-2-2 or as otherwise provided.

"Special revenue funds" shall mean specific revenue sources which by legislative enactments are not required to be accounted for as general revenue, including federal funds.

"From collections" shall mean that part of the total appropriation which must be collected by the spending unit to be available for expenditure. If the authorized amount of collections is not collected, the total appropriation for the spending unit shall be reduced automatically by the amount of the deficiency in the collections. If the amount collected exceeds the amount designated "from collections," the excess shall be set aside in a special surplus fund and may be expended for the purpose of the spending unit as provided by Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code.

**Sec. 3. Classification of appropriations.**—An appropriation for:

"Personal services" shall mean salaries, wages and other compensation paid to full-time, part-time and temporary employees of the spending unit but shall not include fees or contractual payments paid to consultants or to independent contractors engaged by the spending unit.

"Personal services" shall include "annual increment" for "eligible employees" and shall be disbursed only in accordance with Article 5, Chapter 5 of the Code.

Unless otherwise specified, appropriations for "personal services" shall include salaries of heads of spending units.

"Employee benefits" shall mean social security matching, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, pension and retirement contributions, public employees insurance matching, personnel fees or any other benefit normally paid by the employer as a direct cost of employment. Should the appropriation be insufficient to cover such costs, the remainder of such cost shall be paid by each spending unit from its "unclassified" appropriation, or its "current expenses" appropriation or other appropriate appropriation. Each spending unit is hereby authorized and required to make such payments in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code.

Each spending unit shall be responsible for all contributions, payments or other costs related to coverage and claims of its employees for unemployment compensation and workers compensation. Such expenditures shall be considered an employee benefit.

"BRIM Premiums" shall mean the amount charged as consideration for insurance protection and includes the present value of projected losses and administrative expenses. Premiums are assessed for coverages, as defined in the applicable policies, for claims arising from, inter alia, general liability, wrongful acts, property, professional liability, and automobile exposures.

Should the appropriation for "BRIM Premium" be insufficient to cover such cost, the remainder of such costs shall be paid by each spending unit from its "unclassified" appropriation, its "current expenses" appropriation or any other appropriate appropriation to the Board of Risk and Insurance Management. Each spending unit is hereby authorized and required to make such payments. If there is no appropriation for "BRIM Premium" such costs shall be paid by each spending unit from its "current expenses" appropriation, "unclassified" appropriation or other appropriate appropriation.

West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education and Higher Education Policy Commission entities operating with special revenue funds and/or federal funds shall pay their proportionate share of the Board of Risk and Insurance Management total insurance premium cost for their respective institutions.

"Current expenses" shall mean operating costs other than personal services and shall not include equipment, repairs and alterations, buildings, or lands. Each spending unit shall be responsible for and charged monthly for all postage meter service and shall reimburse the appropriate revolving fund monthly for all such amounts. Such expenditures shall be considered a current expense.

"Equipment" shall mean equipment items which have an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness in excess of one year.

"Repairs and alterations" shall mean routine maintenance and repairs to structures and minor improvements to property which do not increase the capital assets.

"Buildings" shall include new construction and major alteration of existing structures and the improvement of lands and shall include shelter, support, storage, protection, or the improvement of a natural condition.

"Lands" shall mean the purchase of real property or interest in real property.

"Capital outlay" shall mean and include buildings, lands or buildings and lands, with such category or item of appropriation to remain in effect as provided by W.V. Code §12-3-12.

From appropriations made to the spending units of state government, upon approval of the Governor there may be transferred to a special account an amount sufficient to match federal funds under any federal act.

Appropriations classified in any of the above categories shall be expended only for the purposes as defined above and only for the spending units herein designated: *Provided*, That the secretary of each department shall have the authority to transfer within the department those general revenue funds appropriated to the various agencies of the department: *Provided, however*, That no more than five percent of the general revenue funds appropriated to any one agency or board may be transferred to other agencies or boards within the department: and no funds may be transferred to a "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" appropriation unless the source funds are also wholly from a "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" line, or unless the source funds are from another appropriation that has exclusively funded employment expenses for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the time of transfer and the position(s) supported by the transferred funds are also permanently transferred to the receiving agency or board within the department: *Provided further*, Notwithstanding any previous provision no more than twenty-five percent of the general revenue funds appropriated to the following funds 0401, 0402, 0408, 0409, 0410, 0411, 0412, 0413, 0414 and 0415 within the Department of Health Facilities may be transferred between the aforementioned funds: *Provided further*, Notwithstanding any previous provision no general revenue funds appropriated to the following funds 0403, 0481, 0482, 0483, 0484, 0485, 0486, 0487, 0488, 0489, 0492, 0493, 0494, 0495 and 0496 within the Department of Human Services may be transferred between the aforementioned funds: and no funds may be transferred to a "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" appropriation unless the source funds are also wholly from a "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" line, or unless the source funds are from another appropriation that has exclusively funded employment expenses for at least twelve consecutive months prior to the time of transfer and the position(s) supported by the transferred funds are also permanently transferred to the receiving agency or board within the department: *Provided further*, That the secretary of each department and the director, commissioner, executive secretary, superintendent, chairman or any other agency head not governed by a departmental secretary as established by Chapter 5F of the Code shall have the authority to transfer funds appropriated to "Personal Services and Employee Benefits," "Current Expenses," "Repairs and Alterations," "Equipment," "Other Assets," "Land," "Buildings," "Contract Nursing", and "Unclassified" to other appropriations within the same account and no funds from other appropriations shall be transferred to the "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" or the "Unclassified" appropriation except that during Fiscal Year 2026, and upon approval from the State Budget Office, agencies with the appropriation "Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads" and "Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials" may transfer between this appropriation and the appropriation "Personal Services and Employee Benefits" an amount to cover annualized salaries and employee benefits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as provided by W.V. Code §6-7-2a: *And provided further*, That no authority exists hereunder to transfer funds into appropriations to which no funds are legislatively appropriated: *And provided further*, That if the Legislature creates new, consolidates, reorganizes or terminates

agencies, boards or functions, within any fiscal year the secretary or other appropriate agency head, or in the case of the termination of a spending unit of the state, the Director of the State Budget Office, in the absence of general law providing otherwise, may transfer the funds formerly appropriated to such agency, board or function, allocating items of appropriation as may be necessary if only part of the item may be allocated, in order to implement such consolidation, reorganization or termination. No funds may be transferred from a Special Revenue Account, dedicated account, capital expenditure account or any other account or fund specifically exempted by the Legislature from transfer, except that the use of the appropriations from the State Road Fund for the office of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation is not a use other than the purpose for which such funds were dedicated and is permitted.

Appropriations otherwise classified shall be expended only where the distribution of expenditures for different purposes cannot well be determined in advance or it is necessary or desirable to permit the spending unit the freedom to spend an appropriation for more than one of the above classifications.

**Sec. 4. Method of expenditure.**—Money appropriated by this bill, unless otherwise specifically directed, shall be appropriated, and expended according to the provisions of Article 3, Chapter 12 of the Code or according to any law detailing a procedure specifically limiting that article.

**Sec. 5. Maximum expenditures.**—No authority or requirement of law shall be interpreted as requiring or permitting an expenditure in excess of the appropriations set out in this bill.

## TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.

### ORDER OF SECTIONS

- SECTION 1. Appropriations from general revenue.
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**Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.** – From the State Fund, General Revenue, there are hereby appropriated conditionally upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in Article 2, Chapter 11B the following amounts, as itemized, for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

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	<b>Appro-</b>	<b>General</b>
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		<b>Fund</b>
Compensation of Members (R) .....	00300	\$ 1,010,000
Compensation and Per Diem of Officers and Employees (R).....	00500	4,111,332
Current Expenses and Contingent Fund (R) .....	02100	821,392
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400	35,000
Technology Repair and Modernization (R).....	29800	80,000
Expenses of Members (R) .....	39900	550,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300	<u>44,482</u>
Total.....		\$ 6,652,206

The appropriations for the Senate for the fiscal year 2025 are to remain in full force and effect and are hereby reappropriated to June 30, 2026. Any balances so reappropriated may be transferred and credited to the fiscal year 2025 accounts.

Upon the written request of the Clerk of the Senate, the Auditor shall transfer amounts between items of the total appropriation in order to protect or increase the efficiency of the service.

The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the President, is authorized to draw his or her requisitions upon the Auditor, payable out of the Current Expenses and Contingent Fund of the Senate, for any bills for supplies and services that may have been incurred by the Senate and not included in the appropriation bill, for supplies and services incurred in preparation for the opening, the conduct of the business and after adjournment of any regular or extraordinary session, and for the necessary operation of the Senate offices, the requisitions for which are to be accompanied by bills to be filed with the Auditor.

The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the President, or the President of the Senate shall have authority to employ such staff personnel during any session of the Legislature as shall be needed in addition to staff personnel authorized by the Senate resolution adopted during any such session. The Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the President, or the President of the Senate shall have authority to employ such staff personnel between sessions of the Legislature as shall be needed, the compensation of all staff personnel during and between sessions of the Legislature, notwithstanding any such Senate resolution, to be fixed by the President of the Senate. The Clerk is hereby authorized to draw his or her requisitions upon the Auditor for the payment of all such staff personnel for such services, payable out of the appropriation for Compensation and Per Diem of Officers and Employees or Current Expenses and Contingent Fund of the Senate.

For duties imposed by law and by the Senate, the Clerk of the Senate shall be paid a monthly salary as provided by the Senate resolution, unless increased between sessions under the authority of the President, payable out of the appropriation for Compensation and Per Diem of Officers and Employees or Current Expenses and Contingent Fund of the Senate.

Included in the above appropriation for Senate (fund 0165, appropriation 02100), an amount not less than \$5,000 is to be used for the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians - Doc of the Day Program.

*2 - House of Delegates*

Fund 0170 FY 2026 Org 2200

Compensation of Members (R) .....	00300	\$	3,500,000
Compensation and Per Diem of Officers and Employees (R).....	00500		575,000
Current Expenses and Contingent Fund (R) .....	02100		6,500,000
Expenses of Members (R) .....	39900		1,350,000
Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment (R).....	58900		500,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300		<u>60,000</u>
Total .....		\$	12,485,000

The appropriations for the House of Delegates for the fiscal year 2025 are to remain in full force and effect and are hereby reappropriated to June 30, 2026. Any balances so reappropriated may be transferred and credited to the fiscal year 2025 accounts.

Upon the written request of the Clerk of the House of Delegates, the Auditor shall transfer amounts between items of the total appropriation in order to protect or increase the efficiency of the service.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates, with the approval of the Speaker, is authorized to draw his or her requisitions upon the Auditor, payable out of the Current Expenses and Contingent Fund of the House of Delegates, for any bills for supplies and services that may have been incurred by the House of Delegates and not included in the appropriation bill, for bills for services and supplies incurred in preparation for the opening of the session and after adjournment, and for the necessary operation of the House of Delegates' offices, the requisitions for which are to be accompanied by bills to be filed with the Auditor.

The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall have authority to employ such staff personnel during and between sessions of the Legislature as shall be needed, in addition to personnel designated in the House resolution, and the compensation of all personnel shall be as fixed in such House resolution for the session or fixed by the Speaker during and between sessions of the Legislature, notwithstanding such House resolution. The Clerk of the House of Delegates is hereby authorized to draw requisitions upon the Auditor for such services, payable out of the appropriation for the Compensation and Per Diem of Officers and Employees or Current Expenses and Contingent Fund of the House of Delegates.

For duties imposed by law and by the House of Delegates, including salary allowed by law as keeper of the rolls, the Clerk of the House of Delegates shall be paid a monthly salary as provided in the House resolution, unless increased between sessions under the authority of the Speaker and payable out of the appropriation for Compensation and Per Diem of Officers and Employees or Current Expenses and Contingent Fund of the House of Delegates.

Included in the above appropriation for House of Delegates (fund 0170, appropriation 02100), an amount not less than \$5,000 is to be used for the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians - Doc of the Day Program.

### 3 - *Joint Expenses*

(W.V. Code Chapter 4)

#### Fund 0175 FY 2026 Org 2300

Joint Committee on Government and Finance (R) .....	10400	\$	9,725,138
Legislative Printing (R).....	10500		260,000
Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee (R).....	10600		147,250
Legislative Computer System (R).....	10700		1,447,500
Legislative Dues and Fees (R).....	10701		600,000

BRIM Premium (R).....	91300	<u>60,569</u>
Total .....		\$ 12,240,457

The appropriations for the Joint Expenses for the fiscal year 2025 are to remain in full force and effect and are hereby reappropriated to June 30, 2026. Any balances reappropriated may be transferred and credited to the fiscal year 2025 accounts.

Upon the written request of the Clerk of the Senate, with the approval of the President of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Delegates, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and a copy to the Legislative Auditor, the Auditor shall transfer amounts between items of the total appropriation in order to protect or increase the efficiency of the service.

**JUDICIAL**

*4 - Supreme Court –*

*General Judicial*

Fund 0180 FY 2026 Org 2400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$ 140,730,477
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400	45,000
Equipment (R).....	07000	1,600,000
Military Services Members Court (R).....	09002	0
Judges' Retirement System (R).....	11000	1,247,000
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	23,326,564
Buildings (R) .....	25800	165,000
Other Assets (R) .....	69000	80,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300	<u>1,032,409</u>
Total .....		\$ 168,226,450

The appropriations to the Supreme Court of Appeals for the fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 are to remain in full force and effect and are hereby reappropriated to June 30, 2026. Any balances so reappropriated may be transferred and credited to the fiscal year 2025 accounts.

This fund shall be administered by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals, who shall draw requisitions for warrants in payment in the form of payrolls, making deductions therefrom as required by law for taxes and other items.

From the appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0180, appropriation 13000) \$1,000,000 shall be used for facility maintenance for magistrate courts.

The appropriation for the Judges' Retirement System (fund 0180, appropriation 11000) is to be transferred to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board, in accordance with the law relating thereto, upon requisition of the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

**EXECUTIVE**

*5 - Governor's Office*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 0101 FY 2026 Org 0100

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,357,899
Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials.....	00200		266,594
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		25,000
Equipment.....	07000		1,000
National Governors Association .....	12300		60,700
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		799,000
Community Food Program .....	18500		1,000,000
Office of Resiliency (R) .....	18600		626,650
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>183,645</u>
Total.....		\$	6,320,488

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0101, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 0101, appropriation 13000), Office of Resiliency (fund 0101, appropriation 18600), Posey Perry Emergency Food Bank Fund (fund 0101, appropriation 42303), and Posey Perry Emergency Food Bank Fund – Surplus (fund 0101, appropriation 42399) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*6 - Governor's Office –*

*Custodial Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 0102 FY 2026 Org 0100

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	431,755
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Equipment.....	07000		1,000

Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	<u>182,158</u>
Total .....		\$ 619,913

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0102, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

Appropriations are to be used for current general expenses, including compensation of employees, household maintenance, cost of official functions, and additional household expenses occasioned by such official functions.

*7 - Governor's Office –*

*Civil Contingent Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 0105 FY 2026 Org 0100

Civil Contingent Fund (R).....	61400	\$ 5,000,000
Local Economic Development Assistance (R).....	81900	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 10,000,000

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations Civil Contingent Fund – Total (fund 0105, appropriation 11400), 2012 Natural Disasters – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 13500), Congressional Earmark Maintenance of Effort – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 22599), Civil Contingent Fund – Total – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 23800), Civil Contingent Fund – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 26300), Local Economic Development Assistance – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 26600), Civil Contingent Fund – Rural Hospitals – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 40199), Civil Contingent Fund (fund 0105, appropriation 61400), Milton Flood Wall (fund 0105, appropriation 75701), Milton Flood Wall – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 75799), Natural Disasters – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 76400), Local Economic Development Assistance (fund 0105, appropriation 81900), and Federal Funds/Grant Match – Surplus (fund 0105, appropriation 85700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From this fund there may be expended, at the discretion of the Governor, an amount not to exceed \$1,000 as West Virginia's contribution to the Interstate Oil Compact Commission.

The above fund is intended to provide contingency funding for accidental, unanticipated, emergency, or unplanned events which may occur during the fiscal year and is not to be expended for the normal day-to-day operations of the Governor's Office.

*8 - Auditor's Office –*

*General Administration*

(W.V. Code Chapter 12)

Fund 0116 FY 2026 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,566,274
Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials.....	00200		192,704
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		13,429
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>12,077</u>
Total .....		\$	2,784,484

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0116, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*9 - Treasurer's Office*

(W.V. Code Chapter 12)

Fund 0126 FY 2026 Org 1300

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,706,621
Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials.....	00200		192,704
Unclassified .....	09900		31,463
Abandoned Property Program.....	11800		41,794
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		572,684
Other Assets .....	69000		10,000
ABLE Program.....	69201		150,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>59,169</u>
Total .....		\$	3,764,435

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0126, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*10 - Department of Agriculture*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 0131 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	7,246,666
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Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials.....	00200	192,704
Animal Identification Program .....	03900	141,212
State Farm Museum.....	05500	87,759
Gypsy Moth Program (R) .....	11900	1,175,979
WV Farmers Market.....	12801	150,467
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	588,115
Black Fly Control.....	13700	463,870
HEMP Program.....	13701	400,007
Donated Foods Program.....	36300	45,000
Veterans to Agriculture Program (R) .....	36301	278,420
SNAP Stretch Program .....	xxxxx	360,000
Predator Control (R).....	47000	176,400
Bee Research .....	69100	78,450
Microbiology Program .....	78500	110,995
Moorefield Agriculture Center.....	78600	1,121,739
Chesapeake Bay Watershed.....	83000	129,485
Livestock Care Standards Board.....	84300	8,820
Agriculture Programs .....	XXXXX	0
WVDA FFA Secretary .....	XXXXX	100,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300	138,905
State FFA-FHA Camp and Conference Center .....	94101	820,592
Threat Preparedness .....	94200	81,513
WV Food Banks .....	96900	426,000
Senior's Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program .....	97000	<u>56,328</u>
Total.....		\$ 14,379,426

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Gypsy Moth Program (fund 0131, appropriation 11900), Current Expenses (fund 0131, appropriation 13000), Veterans to

Agriculture Program (fund 0131, appropriation 36301), 2024 Drought Relief – Surplus (fund 0131, appropriation 40499), Predator Control (fund 0131, appropriation 47000), and Agricultural Disaster and Mitigation Needs – Surplus (fund 0131, appropriation 85000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

A portion of the Current Expenses appropriation may be transferred to a special revenue fund for the purpose of matching federal funds for marketing and development activities.

The above appropriation for Predator Control (fund 0131, appropriation 47000) is to be made available to the United States Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services to administer the Predator Control Program.

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0131, appropriation 13000) \$100,000 shall be used for the Willowbend Agricultural Innovation Center.

From the above appropriation for WV Food Banks (fund 0131, appropriation 96900), \$20,000 is for House of Hope and the remainder of the appropriation shall be allocated to the Huntington Food Bank and the Mountaineer Food Bank in Braxton County.

*11 - West Virginia Conservation Agency*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 0132 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	927,240
Unclassified .....	09900		77,059
Soil Conservation Projects (R) .....	12000		10,937,786
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		317,848
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>34,428</u>
Total .....		\$	12,294,361

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Soil Conservation Projects (fund 0132, appropriation 12000), Current Expenses (fund 0132, appropriation 13000), and Soil Conservation Projects – Surplus (fund 0132, appropriation 26900) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*12 - Department of Agriculture –*

*Meat Inspection Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 0135 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,097,727
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Unclassified .....	09900	7,090
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>82,605</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,187,422

Any part or all of this appropriation may be transferred to a special revenue fund for the purpose of matching federal funds for the above-named program.

*13 - Department of Agriculture –*

*Agricultural Awards Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 0136 FY 2026 Org 1400

Programs and Awards for 4-H Clubs and FFA/FHA .....	57700	\$ 15,000
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*14 - Department of Agriculture –*

*West Virginia Agricultural Land Protection Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapter 8A)

Fund 0607 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 109,515
Unclassified .....	09900	<u>950</u>
Total .....		\$ 110,465

*15 - Attorney General*

(W.V. Code Chapters 5, 14, 46A and 47)

Fund 0150 FY 2026 Org 1500

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$ 3,647,491
Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials.....	00200	192,704
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Equipment.....	07000	7,500
Unclassified (R).....	09900	24,428
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	681,295
Criminal Convictions and Habeas Corpus Appeals (R) .....	26000	1,018,132

Better Government Bureau .....	74000	293,418
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>120,654</u>
Total .....		\$ 5,986,622

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0150, appropriation 00100), Unclassified (fund 0150, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 0150, appropriation 13000), and Criminal Convictions and Habeas Corpus Appeals (fund 0150, appropriation 26000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

When legal counsel or secretarial help is appointed by the Attorney General for any state spending unit, this account shall be reimbursed from such spending units specifically appropriated account or from accounts appropriated by general language contained within this bill: *Provided*, That the spending unit shall reimburse at a rate and upon terms agreed to by the state spending unit and the Attorney General: *Provided, however*, That if the spending unit and the Attorney General are unable to agree on the amount and terms of the reimbursement, the spending unit and the Attorney General shall submit their proposed reimbursement rates and terms to the Governor for final determination.

*16 - Secretary of State*

(W.V. Code Chapters 3, 5, and 59)

Fund 0155 FY 2026 Org 1600

Salary and Benefits of Elected Officials.....	00200	\$ 192,704
Unclassified (R).....	09900	8,352
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	781,584
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>34,500</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,017,140

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0155, appropriation 09900) and Current Expenses (fund 0155, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*17 - State Election Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 3)

Fund 0160 FY 2026 Org 1601

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,477
Unclassified .....	09900	75
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>4,956</u>

Total ..... \$ 7,508

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

*18 - Department of Administration –*

*Office of the Secretary*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 5F)*

Fund 0186 FY 2026 Org 0201

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	498,187
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		153,400
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		100
Equipment.....	07000		1,000
Unclassified .....	09900		9,177
Current Expenses .....	13000		86,009
Financial Advisor (R).....	30400		27,546
Lease Rental Payments.....	51600		15,431,900
Design-Build Board.....	54000		4,000
Other Assets .....	69000		100
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>5,736</u>
Total.....		\$	16,217,155

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Financial Advisor (fund 0186, appropriation 30400) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The appropriation for Lease Rental Payments (fund 0186, appropriation 51600) shall be disbursed as provided by W.V. Code §31-15-6b.

*19 - Consolidated Public Retirement Board*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 5)*

Fund 0195 FY 2026 Org 0205

The Division of Highways, Division of Motor Vehicles, Public Service Commission, and other departments, bureaus, divisions, or commissions operating from special revenue funds and/or federal funds shall pay their proportionate share of the retirement costs for their respective divisions. When specific appropriations are not made, such payments may be made from the balances in the various special revenue funds in excess of specific appropriations.

*20 - Division of Finance*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0203 FY 2026 Org 0209

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	68,694
Unclassified .....	09900		1,400
GAAP Project (R).....	12500		671,260
Current Expenses .....	13000		61,563
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>12,675</u>
Total .....		\$	815,592

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for GAAP Project (fund 0203, appropriation 12500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*21 - Division of General Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0230 FY 2026 Org 0211

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,190,973
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		500
Equipment.....	07000		5,000
Unclassified .....	09900		20,000
Fire Service Fee.....	12600		14,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,148,349
Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment (R).....	58900		21,610,888
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>379,983</u>
Total .....		\$	26,369,693

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment (fund 0230, appropriation 58900), Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0230, appropriation 67700), and Consolidated State Laboratory – Surplus (fund 0230, appropriation 37799) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Preservation and Maintenance of Statues and Monuments on Capitol Grounds (fund 0230, appropriation 37100), the Division shall consult the Division of Culture and History and Capitol Building Commission in all aspects of planning, assessment, maintenance, and restoration.

The above appropriation for Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment (fund 0230, appropriation 58900) shall be expended for capital improvements, maintenance, repairs, and equipment for state-owned buildings.

*22 - Division of Purchasing*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0210 FY 2026 Org 0213

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	997,655
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		200
Unclassified .....	09900		144
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,285
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>6,922</u>
Total .....		\$	1,006,206

The Division of Highways shall reimburse Fund 2031 within the Division of Purchasing for all actual expenses incurred pursuant to the provisions of W.V. Code §17-2A-13.

*23 - Travel Management*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0615 FY 2026 Org 0215

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	774,858
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,000
Equipment.....	07000		5,000
Unclassified .....	09900		12,032
Current Expenses .....	13000		440,247

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Buildings .....	25800		100
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>100</u>
Total .....		\$	1,233,337

*24 - Commission on Uniform State Laws*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0214 FY 2026 Org 0217

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	65,550
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To pay expenses for members of the Commission on Uniform State Laws.

*25 - West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Board*

(W.V. Code Chapter 6C)

Fund 0220 FY 2026 Org 0219

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,050,241
Equipment.....	07000		50
Unclassified .....	09900		1,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		136,035
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>8,000</u>
Total .....		\$	1,195,326

*26 - Ethics Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 6B)

Fund 0223 FY 2026 Org 0220

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	563,393
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		500
Unclassified .....	09900		2,200
Current Expenses .....	13000		105,501
Other Assets .....	69000		100
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>4,574</u>

Total ..... \$ 676,268

*27 - Public Defender Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0226 FY 2026 Org 0221

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,987,292
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201	119,000
Unclassified .....	09900	313,300
Current Expenses .....	13000	12,740
Public Defender Corporations .....	35200	25,274,849
Appointed Counsel Fees (R).....	78800	17,691,113
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>10,575</u>
Total .....		\$ 45,408,869

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Public Defender Corporations – Surplus (fund 0226, appropriation 35299), Appointed Counsel Fees - Surplus (fund 0226, appropriation 43500), and Appointed Counsel Fees (fund 0226, appropriation 78800) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Director shall have the authority to transfer funds from the appropriation to Public Defender Corporations (fund 0226, appropriation 35200) to Appointed Counsel Fees (fund 0226, appropriation 78800).

*28 - Division of Personnel*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0206 FY 2026 Org 0222

Directed Transfer ..... 70000 \$ 900,000

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 0206, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the Division of Personnel (fund 2440).

*29 - Committee for the Purchase of*

*Commodities and Services from the Handicapped*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0233 FY 2026 Org 0224

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,187
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>868</u>
Total .....		\$	4,055

*30 - West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute*

(W.V. Code Chapter 7)

Fund 0557 FY 2026 Org 0228

Forensic Medical Examinations (R).....	68300	\$	572,276
Federal Funds/Grant Match (R) .....	74900		<u>118,204</u>
Total .....		\$	690,480

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Forensic Medical Examinations (fund 0557, appropriation 68300) and Federal Funds/Grant Match (fund 0557, appropriation 74900) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*31 - Office of Technology*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0204 FY 2026 Org 0231

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	7,200,000
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The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 0204, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the Office of Technology Fund (fund 2220).

*32 - Real Estate Division*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 0610 FY 2026 Org 0233

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	724,702
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		100
Equipment.....	07000		2,500
Unclassified .....	09900		124
Current Expenses .....	13000		138,881

BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>8,284</u>
Total .....		\$ 874,591

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

*33 - Division of Forestry*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 0250 FY 2026 Org 0305

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 5,263,504
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201	111,674
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	80,000
Unclassified .....	09900	21,435
Current Expenses .....	13000	558,024
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>98,754</u>
Total .....		\$ 6,133,391

Out of the above appropriations a sum may be used to match federal funds for cooperative studies or other funds for similar purposes.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0250, appropriation 13099) and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0250, appropriation 34100) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*34 - Geological and Economic Survey*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0253 FY 2026 Org 0306

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,898,787
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201	112,753
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	968
Unclassified .....	09900	27,678

Current Expenses .....	13000	51,524
Mineral Mapping System (R).....	20700	1,232,093
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>24,486</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,348,289

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Mineral Mapping System (fund 0253, appropriation 20700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The above Unclassified and Current Expenses appropriations include funding to secure federal and other contracts and may be transferred to a special revolving fund (fund 3105) for the purpose of providing advance funding for such contracts.

*35 - Division of Economic Development*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 0256 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 3,856,055
Unclassified .....	09900	108,055
Current Expenses .....	13000	4,052,861
Local Economic Development Partnerships (R) .....	13300	1,250,000
ARC Assessment.....	13600	152,585
Global Economic Development Partnerships (R) .....	20201	150,000
Guaranteed Work Force Grant (R).....	24200	997,499
Mainstreet Program .....	79400	142,525
Marshall University Research Corporation .....	80701	500,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300	3,157
Hatfield McCoy Recreational Trail.....	96000	<u>198,415</u>
Total .....		\$ 11,411,152

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified – Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation 09700), Partnership Grants (fund 0256, appropriation 13100), Local Economic Development Partnerships (fund 0256, appropriation 13300), Global Economic Development Partnerships (fund 0256, appropriation 20201), and Guaranteed Work Force Grant (fund 0256, appropriation 24200), and Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation

13099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0256, appropriation 13000), \$50,000 shall be used for the Western Potomac Economic Partnership, \$100,000 shall be used for Advantage Valley, \$750,000 shall be used for the Robert C. Byrd Institute, \$548,915 is for West Virginia University and \$298,915 is for Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College for the Mine Training and Energy Technologies Academy.

The above appropriation to Local Economic Development Partnerships (fund 0256, appropriation 13300) shall be used by the Division of Economic Development for the award of funding assistance to county and regional economic development corporations or authorities participating in the Certified Development Community Program developed under the provisions of W.V. Code §5B-2-14. The Division of Economic Development shall award the funding assistance through a matching grant program, based upon a formula whereby funding assistance may not exceed \$50,000 per county served by an economic development or redevelopment corporation or authority.

*36 - Office of Energy*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 0612 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	600,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>685,603</u>
Total .....		\$	1,285,603

*37 - Division of Labor*

(W.V. Code Chapters 21 and 47)

Fund 0260 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,471,794
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		28,000
Unclassified .....	09900		15,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		212,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>8,500</u>
Total .....		\$	1,735,294

*38 - Division of Natural Resources*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 0265 FY 2026 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 21,367,002
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201	113,188
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	100
Equipment.....	07000	100
Unclassified .....	09900	184,711
Current Expenses .....	13000	449,654
Buildings (R) .....	25800	100
Capital Outlay – Parks (R) .....	28800	3,434,945
Litter Control Conservation Officers .....	56400	157,746
Upper Mud River Flood Control (R).....	65400	179,084
Other Assets .....	69000	100
Land (R).....	73000	100
Law Enforcement.....	80600	2,751,584
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>45,141</u>
Total.....		\$ 28,683,555

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Equine Enrichment – Surplus (fund 0265, appropriation 22899), Buildings (fund 0265, appropriation 25800), Capital Outlay – Parks (fund 0265, appropriation 28800), Upper Mud River Flood Control (fund 0265, appropriation 65400), Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0265, appropriation 13099), Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0265, appropriation 67700), Land (fund 0265, appropriation 73000), and State Park Improvements – Surplus (fund 0265, appropriation 76300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

Any revenue derived from mineral extraction at any state park shall be deposited in a special revenue account of the Division of Natural Resources, first for bond debt payment purposes and with any remainder to be for park operation and improvement purposes.

*39 - Division of Miners' Health, Safety and Training*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22A)

Fund 0277 FY 2026 Org 0314

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	10,131,184
Unclassified .....	09900		111,016
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,396,141
Coal Dust and Rock Dust Sampling .....	27000		517,987
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>80,668</u>
Total .....		\$	12,236,996

Included in the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0277, appropriation 13000) is \$500,000 to be used for coal mine training activities at an established mine training facility in southern West Virginia.

*40 - Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22A)

Fund 0280 FY 2026 Org 0319

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	235,177
Unclassified .....	09900		3,480
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>118,138</u>
Total .....		\$	356,795

Included in the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0280, appropriation 13000) up to \$29,000 shall be used for the Coal Mine Safety and Technical Review Committee.

*41 - WorkForce West Virginia*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21A)

Fund 0572 FY 2026 Org 0323

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	51,433
Unclassified .....	09900		584
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>23,683</u>
Total .....		\$	75,700

*42 - Department of Commerce –*

*Office of the Secretary*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 0606 FY 2026 Org 0327

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,501,592
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and			
Agency Heads .....	00201		153,750
Unclassified .....	09900		1,490
Current Expenses .....	13000		353,147
Directed Transfer .....	70000		<u>0</u>
Total.....		\$	2,009,979

*43 - State Board of Rehabilitation –*

*Division of Rehabilitation Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 0310 FY 2026 Org 0932

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	12,970,625
Independent Living Services .....	00900		429,418
Current Expenses .....	13000		558,815
Workshop Development.....	16300		1,817,427
Supported Employment Extended Services .....	20600		77,960
Ron Yost Personal Assistance Fund .....	40700		333,828
Employment Attendant Care Program.....	59800		131,575
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>77,464</u>
Total.....		\$	16,397,112

The above appropriation for Workshop Development (fund 0310, appropriation 16300) shall be used exclusively with the private nonprofit community rehabilitation program organizations known as work centers or sheltered workshops. The appropriation shall also be used to continue the support of the program, services, and individuals with disabilities currently in place at those organizations.

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM**

*44 - Department of Tourism –*

*Office of the Secretary*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 0246 FY 2026 Org 0304

Tourism – Brand Promotion (R) .....	61803	\$	15,000,000
Tourism – Public Relations (R).....	61804		1,500,000
Tourism – Events and Sponsorships (R).....	61805		500,000
Tourism – Industry Development (R).....	61806		3,050,000
State Parks and Recreation Advertising (R) .....	61900		<u>1,500,000</u>
Total.....		\$	21,550,000

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Tourism – Development Opportunity Fund (fund 0246, appropriation 11601), Tourism – Brand Promotion (fund 0246, appropriation 61803), Tourism – Public Relations (fund 0246, appropriation 61804), Tourism – Events and Sponsorships (fund 0246, appropriation 61805), Tourism – Industry Development (fund 0246, appropriation 61806), State Parks and Recreation Advertising (fund 0246, appropriation 61900), Tourism – Brand Promotion – Surplus (fund 0246, appropriation 61893), and Tourism – Industry Development – Surplus (fund 0246, appropriation 61896) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation of Tourism – Industry Development (fund 0246, appropriation 61806) \$250,000 shall be used for Appalachian Outlaw Trails, and \$300,000 shall be used for Mountwood Park.

The Secretary of the Department of Tourism shall have the authority to transfer between the above items of appropriation.

*45 - Division of Culture and History*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0293 FY 2026 Org 0432

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	4,345,222
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		0
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,000
Equipment.....	07000		1
Unclassified (R).....	09900		28,483

Current Expenses .....	13000	3,175,898
WV Humanities Council .....	16800	250,000
Buildings .....	25800	1
Other Assets .....	69000	1
Educational Enhancements.....	69500	55,500
Land .....	73000	1
Culture and History Programming .....	73200	173,573
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	19,600
Historical Highway Marker Program.....	84400	43,548
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>39,337</u>
Total .....		\$ 8,132,165

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0293, appropriation 09900), Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment (fund 0293, appropriation 58900), Capital Improvements – Surplus (fund 0293, appropriation 66100), Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0293, appropriation 67700), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0293, appropriation 75500), and Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0293, appropriation 13099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0293, appropriation 13000) \$1,250,000 shall be used for roof repair for the Cultural Center, \$500,000 shall be used for completion of the Cultural Center outdoor exhibit, and \$750,000 shall be used to meet existing grant obligations.

From the above appropriation for Educational Enhancements (fund 0293, appropriation 69500), \$55,500 shall be used for the Clay Center.

The Current Expenses appropriation includes funding for the arts funds, department programming funds, grants, fairs and festivals, and Camp Washington Carver; and shall be expended only upon authorization of the Division of Culture and History and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5A, Article 3, and Chapter 12 of the W.V. Code.

*46 - Library Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 10)

Fund 0296 FY 2026 Org 0432

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,023,402
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and		

Agency Heads .....	00201	112,000
Repairs and Alterations .....	06400	6,500
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,639,624
Services to Blind & Handicapped .....	18100	161,717
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>18,205</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,961,448

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0296, appropriation 13000) \$1,500,000 shall be used for the Martinsburg Berkeley Public Library.

*47 - Educational Broadcasting Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 10)

Fund 0300 FY 2026 Org 0439

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 3,091,165
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and		
Agency Heads .....	00201	120,106
Current Expenses .....	13000	113,844
Mountain Stage.....	24900	450,000
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	49,250
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>47,727</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,872,092

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0300, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

*48 - State Board of Education –*

*School Lunch Program*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 0303 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 383,204
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Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>2,118,865</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,502,069

*49 - State Board of Education –*

*State Department of Education*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 0313 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 4,983,544
Teachers' Retirement Savings Realized.....	09500	39,831,000
Unclassified (R).....	09900	420,000
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	3,517,816
Increased Enrollment .....	14000	13,653,041
Safe Schools.....	14300	7,443,900
Attendance Incentive Bonus (R).....	15001	2,262,389
National Teacher Certification (R) .....	16100	100,000
Jobs & Hope – Childhood Drug Prevention Education .....	21901	2,000,000
Technology Repair and Modernization .....	29800	951,003
Hope Scholarship Program (R) .....	30401	24,610,523
HVAC Technicians .....	35500	555,872
Early Retirement Notification Incentive.....	36600	300,000
MATH Program .....	36800	836,532
Assessment Programs (R) .....	39600	3,750,759
Governor's Honors Academy (R) .....	47800	979,853
English as a Second Language.....	52800	96,000
Teacher Reimbursement.....	57300	297,188
Hospitality Training .....	60000	281,051
Youth in Government .....	61600	100,000

High Acuity Special Needs (R).....	63400	2,700,000
Computer Science Education.....	xxxxx	2,000,000
Foreign Student Education.....	63600	102,133
State Board of Education Administrative Costs .....	68400	200,000
Early Literacy Program.....	75600	5,724,015
School Based Truancy Prevention (R) .....	78101	2,000,000
Communities in Schools (R).....	78103	4,912,637
Mastery Based Education .....	78104	125,000
Mountain State Digital Literacy Program .....	86401	1,300,000
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learners (R).....	88600	1,675,127
BRIM Premium.....	91300	342,859
Allowance for Extraordinary Sustained Growth .....	94300	71,980
Education Programs .....	XXXXX	0
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Assessment and Professional Development .....	93100	2,015,254
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Technology Infrastructure Network		
Tools and Support (R).....	93300	9,256,714
Special Olympic Games.....	96600	25,000
Educational Program Allowance .....	99600	<u>716,250</u>
Total.....		\$ 140,137,440

The above appropriations include funding for the State Board of Education and its executive office.

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0313, appropriation 13000), \$2,000,000 shall be used for the Department of Education Child Nutrition Program – Non-traditional Child Hunger Solutions.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0313, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 0313, appropriation 13000), Center for Professional Development (fund 0313, appropriation 11500), Attendance Incentive Bonus (fund 0313, appropriation 15001), National Teacher Certification (fund 0313, appropriation 16100), Hope Scholarship Program (fund 0313, appropriation 30401), Assessment Programs (fund 0313, appropriation 39600), Benedum Professional Development Collaborative (fund 0313, appropriation 42700), Governor's Honors Academy (fund 0313, appropriation 47800), High Acuity

Special Needs (fund 0313, appropriation 63400), IT Academy (fund 0313, appropriation 72100), School Based Truancy Prevention (fund 0313, appropriation 78101), Communities in Schools (fund 0313, appropriation 78103), 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners (fund 0313, appropriation 88600), 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Infrastructure Network Tools and Support (fund 0313, appropriation 93300), and Communities in Schools – Surplus (fund 0313, appropriation 78199) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The above appropriation for Teachers' Retirement Savings Realized (fund 0313, appropriation 09500) shall be transferred to the Employee Pension and Health Care Benefit Fund (fund 2044).

From the above appropriation for Unclassified (fund 0313, appropriation 09900), \$120,000 shall be for assisting low income students with AP and CLEP exam fees.

From the appropriation for Safe Schools (fund 0313, appropriation 14300), \$3,100,000 shall be used for school mapping.

From the above appropriation for MATH Program (fund 0313, appropriation 36800), \$50,000 shall be for Math Counts.

From the above appropriation for Educational Program Allowance (fund 0313, appropriation 99600), \$100,000 shall be expended for the Morgan County Board of Education for Paw Paw Schools; \$250,000 shall be for the Randolph County Board of Education for Pickens School; \$100,000 shall be for the Randolph County Board of Education for the Harman School, \$100,000 shall be for the Preston County Board of Education for the Aurora School; \$100,000 shall be for the Fayette County Board of Education for Meadow Bridge; and \$66,250 is for Project Based Learning in STEM fields.

*50 - State Board of Education –*

*Aid for Exceptional Children*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 0314 FY 2026 Org 0402

Special Education – Counties .....	15900	\$	7,425,757
Special Education – Institutions .....	16000		4,397,051
Education of Juveniles Held in Predispositional			
Juvenile Detention Centers.....	30200		766,204
Education of Institutionalized Juveniles and Adults (R) .....	47200		<u>23,353,698</u>
Total .....		\$	35,942,710

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Education of Institutionalized Juveniles and Adults (fund 0314, appropriation 47200) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriations, the Superintendent shall have authority to expend funds for the costs of special education for those children residing in out-of-state placements.

*51 - State Board of Education –*

*State Aid to Schools*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 0317 FY 2026 Org 0402

Other Current Expenses .....	02200	\$ 197,669,392
Advanced Placement .....	05300	825,149
Professional Educators .....	15100	956,210,509
Service Personnel.....	15200	399,892,987
Fixed Charges.....	15300	117,003,609
Transportation.....	15400	100,315,326
Improved Instructional Programs .....	15600	63,626,561
Professional Student Support Services .....	65500	65,568,543
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Strategic Technology Learning Growth .....	93600	49,747,886
Teacher and Leader Induction .....	93601	<u>28,783,005</u>
Basic Foundation Allowances .....		1,979,642,967
Less Local Share .....		(566,787,626)
Adjustments .....		<u>(3,422,328)</u>
Total Basic State Aid.....		1,409,433,013
Public Employees' Insurance Matching .....	01200	317,566,529
Teachers' Retirement System .....	01900	68,086,596
Retirement Systems – Unfunded Liability.....	77500	<u>223,829,404</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,018,915,542

*52 - State Board of Education –*

*Vocational Division*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 0390 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,462,725
Unclassified .....	09900		268,800
Current Expenses .....	13000		883,106
Wood Products – Forestry Vocational Program.....	14600		88,600
Albert Yanni Vocational Program .....	14700		95,578
Vocational Aid .....	14800		24,826,517
Adult Basic Education .....	14900		5,905,442
Jobs & Hope (R) .....	14902		3,502,531
Program Modernization.....	30500		884,313
High School Equivalency Diploma Testing (R) .....	72600		616,572
FFA Grant Awards .....	83900		11,496
Pre-Engineering Academy Program.....	84000		22,914
Vocational Programs.....	XXXXX		<u>0</u>
Total .....		\$	38,568,594

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Jim's Dream (fund 0390, appropriation 14901), Jobs and Hope (fund 0390, appropriation 14902), High School Equivalency Diploma Testing (fund 0390, appropriation 72600), and Jobs & Hope – Surplus (fund 0390, appropriation 14099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*53 - State Board of Education –**West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 0320 FY 2026 Org 0403

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	11,225,286
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		164,675
Equipment.....	07000		77,000
Unclassified (R).....	09900		110,000

Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	2,150,696
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	670,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>130,842</u>
Total .....		\$ 14,528,499

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0320, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 0320, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0320, appropriation 25800), and Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0320, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*54 - State Board of Education –*

*School Building Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 0318 FY 2026 Org 0404

School Building Authority .....	45300	\$ 24,000,000
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The above appropriation for School Building Authority (fund 0318, appropriation 45300) shall be transferred to the School Construction Fund (fund 3952).

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

*55 - Environmental Quality Board*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 0270 FY 2026 Org 0311

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 101,968
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	800
Equipment.....	07000	500
Current Expenses .....	13000	28,453
Other Assets .....	69000	400
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>791</u>
Total .....		\$ 132,912

*56 - Division of Environmental Protection*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 0273 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	4,488,900
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		168,000
Water Resources Protection and Management.....	06800		604,369
Current Expenses .....	13000		85,816
Environmental Response and Cleanups .....	27101		91,922
Dam Safety .....	60700		261,746
West Virginia Stream Partners Program.....	63700		77,396
West Virginia Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund – Transfer .....	68900		647,500
W.V. Contributions to River Commissions.....	77600		148,485
Office of Water Resources Non-Enforcement Activity .....	85500		<u>1,131,366</u>
Total .....		\$	7,705,500

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0273, appropriation 13099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*57 - Air Quality Board*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0550 FY 2026 Org 0325

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	61,581
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		800
Equipment.....	07000		400
Current Expenses .....	13000		11,612
Other Assets .....	69000		200
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>2,304</u>
Total .....		\$	76,897

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH***58 - Department of Health –**Central Office*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0407 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	429,073
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		358,460
Unclassified .....	09900		6,459
Current Expenses .....	13000		5,239,831
Pregnancy Centers .....	xxxxx		3,000,000
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500		70,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>169,791</u>
Total .....		\$	9,273,614

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0407, appropriation 13000), \$5,000,000 shall be used for the Ronald McDonald House of Morgantown.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0407, appropriation 75500), Emergency Response Entities – Special Projects (fund 0407, appropriation 82200), Tobacco Education Program (fund 0407, appropriation 90600), Tobacco Education Program – Surplus (fund 0407, appropriation xxxxx) and Pregnancy Centers – Surplus (fund 0407, appropriation 49999) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*59 - Department of Health –**Office of the Shared Administration*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0404 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	4,337,763
Unclassified .....	09900		62,815
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>1,214,699</u>

Total ..... \$ 5,615,277

*60 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of the Commissioner*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0405 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,892,926
Unclassified .....	09900	594,893
Current Expenses .....	13000	66,099
Maternal and Child Health Clinics, Clinicians and		
Medical Contracts and Fees (R).....	57500	<u>300,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,853,918

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Maternal and Child Health Clinics, Clinicians and Medical Contracts and Fees (fund 0405, appropriation 57500), at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*61 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Health Statistics Center*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0406 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 539,560
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>76,026</u>
Total .....		\$ 615,586

*62 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Community Health and Health Promotion*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0438 FY 2026 Org 0506

Black Lung Clinics.....	46700	\$ 170,885
Primary Care Support .....	62800	2,032,635

Health Right Free Clinics .....	72700	5,250,000
Healthy Lifestyles .....	77800	612,419
Diabetes Education and Prevention .....	87300	<u>97,125</u>
Total .....		\$ 8,163,064

From the above appropriation for Primary Care Support (fund 0438, appropriation 62800), an amount not less than \$100,000 shall be used for the West Virginia Cancer Coalition.

From the above appropriation for Health Right Free Clinics (fund 0438, appropriation 72700), \$1,000,000 shall be used to support Health Right Free Clinics operating mobile medical primary care and mobile dental care clinics.

*63 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Environmental Health Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 1)

Fund 0417 FY 2026 Org 0506

Environmental Health Services (R) .....	30002	\$ 3,171,119
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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation for Environmental Health Services (fund 0417, appropriation 30002) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*64 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0418 FY 2026 Org 0506

Cancer Registry .....	22500	\$ 231,607
Vaccine for Children (R).....	55100	341,261
Tuberculosis Control .....	55300	305,048
Epidemiology Support.....	62600	<u>1,984,635</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,862,551

From the above appropriation for Epidemiology Support (fund 0418, appropriation 62600), \$50,000 shall be used for the West Virginia AIDS Coalition; and \$100,000 shall be used for Adolescent Immunization Education.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation for Vaccine for Children (fund 0418, appropriation 55100) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*65 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Laboratory Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0419 FY 2026 Org 0506

Laboratory Services .....	30003	\$	3,775,633
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*66 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health –*

*Children's Specialty Care*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0421 FY 2026 Org 0506

Children's Specialty Care (R) .....	30004	\$	1,667,975
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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation Children's Specialty Care (fund 0421, appropriation 30004) at the close of fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during fiscal year 2026.

*67 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health –*

*Infant, Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Health*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0422 FY 2026 Org 0506

Sexual Assault Intervention and Prevention .....	72300	\$	2,000,000
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Infant, Child Adolescent and

Young Adult Health and Administration .....	30005		<u>30,040</u>
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Total .....		\$	2,030,040
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*68 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health –*

*Maternal, Child, and Family Health Epidemiology*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0423 FY 2026 Org 0506

Maternal Mortality Review .....	83400	\$	53,031
Maternal, Child and Family			
Health Epidemiology (R).....	30006		<u>411,683</u>
Total .....		\$	464,714

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation Maternal, Child and Family

Health Epidemiology (fund 0423, appropriation 30006) at the close of fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during fiscal year 2026.

*69 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health –*

*Community Health*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0424 FY 2026 Org 0506

Maternal and Child Health Community Health (R).....	30007	\$	429,832
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From the above appropriation for Maternal and Child Health Community Health and Fees (fund 0424, appropriation 30007) \$11,000 shall be used for the Marshall County Health Department for dental services.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation Maternal and Child Health Community Health (fund 0424, appropriation 30007) at the close of fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during fiscal year 2026.

*70 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Maternal Child and Family Health –*

*Women's and Family Health*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0425 FY 2026 Org 0506

Women's and Family Health (R).....	30008	\$	2,556,146
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From the above appropriation for Women's and Family Health (fund 0425, appropriation 30008) up to \$400,000 may be transferred to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnostic Treatment Fund (fund 5197).

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation Women's and Family Health (fund 0425, appropriation 30008) at the close of fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during fiscal year 2026.

*71 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Maternal Child and Family Health –*

*West Virginia Birth to Three*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0426 FY 2026 Org 0506

West Virginia Birth to Three (R) .....	30009	\$	17,156,198
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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation West Virginia Birth to Three (fund 0426, appropriation 30009) at the close of fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during fiscal year 2026.

*72 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Medical Cannabis*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0427 FY 2026 Org 0506

Office of Medical Cannabis (R) .....	42001	\$	1,137,238
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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Office of Medical Cannabis (fund 0427, appropriation 42001) and Office of Medical Cannabis – Surplus (fund 0427, appropriation 42099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*73 - Bureau for Public Health –*

*Office of Nutrition Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0428 FY 2026 Org 0506

Women, Infants, and Children.....	21000	\$	38,621
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*74 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0429 FY 2026 Org 0506

Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.....	70400	\$	241,270
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*75 - Center for Local Health*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0431 FY 2026 Org 0506

State Aid for Local and Basic Public Health Services.....	18400	\$	19,038,864
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*76 - Office of Chief Medical Examiner*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0432 FY 2026 Org 0506

Chief Medical Examiner (R) .....	04500	\$	14,071,667
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Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Chief Medical Examiner (fund 0432, appropriation 04500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*77 - Office of Emergency Medical Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0434 FY 2026 Org 0506

Statewide EMS Program Support (R).....	38300	\$	1,681,427
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State Trauma and Emergency Care System .....	91800		1,975,140
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WVU Charleston Poison Control Hotline .....	94400		712,942
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Telestroke .....	30010		<u>1,000,000</u>
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Total .....		\$	5,369,509
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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Statewide EMS Program Support (fund 0434, appropriation 38300) and Statewide EMS Program Support – Surplus (fund 0434, appropriation 38399) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*78 - Office of Threat Preparedness*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0435 FY 2026 Org 0506

Threat Preparedness and Administration .....	30011	\$	5,595
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*79 - Human Rights Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 0416 FY 2026 Org 0510

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	1,118,596
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		114,091
Unclassified (R).....	09900		4,024
Current Expenses (R).....	13000		331,304
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>10,764</u>
Total.....		\$	1,578,779

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0416, appropriation 00100), Unclassified (fund 0416, appropriation 09900), and Current Expenses (fund 0416, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*80 - Office of the Inspector General*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16B)

Fund 0437 FY 2026 Org 0513

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	6,811,769
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1
Equipment.....	07000		1
Unclassified (R).....	09900		57,469
Current Expenses (R).....	13000		812,466
Other Assets.....	69000		1
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>121,134</u>
Total.....		\$	7,802,841

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0437, appropriation 13000), \$73,065 shall be used for informal dispute resolution relating to nursing home administrative appeals.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0437, appropriation 00100), Unclassified (fund 0437, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 0437, appropriation 13000), and Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0437, appropriation 13099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

#### *81 - Division of Human Services*

(W.V. Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 0403 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	32,219,482
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and			
Agency Heads.....	00201		162,850
Unclassified .....	09900		5,632,055
Current Expenses .....	13000		6,113,150
Child Care Development.....	14400		3,167,767
Jobs & Hope (R) .....	14902		2,357,000
Social Services .....	19500		46,136
Behavioral Health Program (R) .....	21900		64,469,814
Family Resource Networks .....	27400		1,762,464
Substance Abuse Continuum of Care (R) .....	35400		1,821,600
Office of Drug Control Policy (R).....	35401		592,652
James "Tiger" Morton Catastrophic Illness Fund.....	45500		377,544
In-Home Family Education.....	68800		1,100,000
WV Works Separate State Program.....	69800		1,519,650
Child Support Enforcement.....	70500		7,236,632
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/			
Maintenance of Effort .....	70700		25,819,096
Child Care – Maintenance of Effort Match.....	70800		5,693,743

Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	11,875
Medical Services Administrative Costs.....	78900	98,472
Indigent Burials (R) .....	85100	1,550,000
CHIP Administrative Costs.....	85601	706,386
CHIP Services.....	85602	13,469,298
BRIM Premium.....	91300	945,891
Children's Trust Fund – Transfer .....	95100	<u>220,000</u>
Total.....		\$ 177,093,557

From the above appropriation of Current Expenses (fund 0403, appropriation 13000), \$300,000 shall be used for Green Acres Regional Center, Inc.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Jobs & Hope (fund 0403, appropriation 14902), Behavioral Health Program (fund 0403, appropriation 21900), Behavioral Health Program – Surplus (fund 0403, appropriation 63100), Substance Abuse Continuum of Care (fund 0403, appropriation 35400), Office of Drug Control Policy (fund 0403, appropriation 35401), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0403, appropriation 75500), Indigent Burials (fund 0403, appropriation 85100), and Office of Drug Control Policy – Surplus (fund 0403, appropriation 35402) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Title I, section three of this bill, the Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to transfer funds within the above appropriations: *Provided*, That no more than five percent of the funds appropriated to one appropriation may be transferred to other appropriations: *Provided, however*, That no funds from other appropriations shall be transferred to the Personal Services and Employee Benefits appropriation.

The Secretary shall have authority to expend funds for the educational costs of those children residing in out-of-state placements, excluding the costs of special education programs.

The above appropriation for James "Tiger" Morton Catastrophic Illness Fund (fund 0403, appropriation 45500) shall be transferred to the James "Tiger" Morton Catastrophic Illness Fund (fund 5454) as provided by Article 5Q, Chapter 16 of the WV Code.

The above appropriation for WV Works Separate State Program (fund 0403, appropriation 69800) shall be transferred to the WV Works Separate State College Program Fund (fund 5467) and the WV Works Separate State Two-Parent Program Fund (fund 5468) as determined by the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

From the above appropriation for Child Support Enforcement (fund 0403, appropriation 70500), an amount not to exceed \$300,000 may be transferred to a local banking depository to be utilized to offset funds determined to be uncollectible.

Included in the appropriation for Behavioral Health Program (fund 0403, appropriation 21900), is \$100,000 for Recovery Point of Huntington.

The above appropriation for Children's Trust Fund – Transfer (fund 0403, appropriation 95100) shall be transferred to the Children's Trust Fund (fund 5469).

From the above appropriation for Substance Abuse Continuum of Care (fund 0403, appropriation 35400), the funding will be consistent with the goal areas outlined in the Comprehensive Substance Abuse Strategic Action Plan.

*82 - Department of Human Services –*

*Office of the Shared Administration*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0481 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	10,709,072
Unclassified .....	09900		252,842
Current Expenses .....	13000		7,500,296
PATH .....	95400		<u>7,368,389</u>
Total .....		\$	25,830,599

*83 - Bureau for Medical Services –*

*Office of the Commissioner*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0482 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	448,112
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>446,183</u>
Total .....		\$	894,295

*84 - Bureau for Medical Services –*

*Medical Services Administration*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0483 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	9,658
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Current Expenses .....	13000	1,175
Medical Services Administrative Costs.....	78900	<u>47,116,150</u>
Total .....		\$ 47,126,983

*85 - Bureau for Medical Services –*

*Policy and Programming*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0484 FY 2026 Org 0511

Medical Services .....	18900	\$ 79,174,335
WV Teaching Hospitals Tertiary/Safety Net .....	54700	6,356,000
Rural Hospitals Under 150 Beds .....	94000	2,596,000
Case Management.....	30012	123,264
Chiropractic Services .....	30013	5,784
Clinic Services .....	30014	160,523
Dental Services.....	30015	184,878
Diagnostic, Screening, Preventive and Rehabilitative Services	30016	3,529
Health Homes for Enrollees with Chronic Conditions .....	30017	141,477
Hospice.....	30018	1,554,214
Institution for Mental Disease Services .....	30019	1,418,872
Intermediate Care Facility Services.....	30020	3,592,852
Managed Care Organizations .....	30021	126,104,299
Prescription Drugs .....	30022	21,934,109
Physical and Occupational Therapy.....	30023	76,436
Podiatry Services, Optometry Services and Prosthetics.....	30024	34,531
Private Duty Nurses, Personal Care and Other Practitioner Services.....	30025	13,163,660
Respiratory Care Services .....	30026	11,203

Speech, Hearing, and Language Disorders.....	30027	<u>14,237</u>
Total .....		\$ 256,650,203

The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to transfer between the above items of appropriation.

*86 - Bureau for Medical Services –*

*Home and Community Based Waiver Programs*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0485 FY 2026 Org 0511

I/DD Waiver .....	46600	\$ 108,541,736
Title XIX for Seniors Citizens.....	53300	47,060,282
Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver .....	83500	1,000,000
Substance Use Disorder Waiver .....	30028	<u>926,366</u>
Total .....		\$ 157,528,384

*87 - Bureau for Social Services –*

*Office of the Commissioner*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0486 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 9,541,782
Current Expenses .....	13000	2,272,246
Social Services .....	19500	7,793,934
Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund .....	38400	400,000
Child Protective Services Case Workers.....	46800	6,525,340
Grants for Licensed Domestic Violence		
Programs and Statewide Prevention .....	75000	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 29,033,302

Included in the above appropriation for Social Services (fund 0486, appropriation 19500) is funding for continuing education requirements relating to the practice of social work.

The above appropriation for Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund (fund 0486, appropriation 38400) shall be transferred to the Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund (fund 5455).

From the above appropriation for the Grants for Licensed Domestic Violence Programs and Statewide Prevention (fund 0486, appropriation 75000), 50 percent of the total shall be divided equally and distributed among the 14 licensed programs and the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WVCADV). The balance remaining in the appropriation for Grants for Licensed Domestic Violence Programs and Statewide Prevention (fund 0486, appropriation 75000), shall be distributed according to the formula established by the Family Protection Services Board.

*88 - Bureau for Social Services –*

*Children's Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0487 FY 2026 Org 0511

Social Services .....	19500	\$	41,525,266
Family Preservation Program.....	19600		1,565,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>2,000</u>
Total.....		\$	43,092,266

*89 - Bureau for Social Services –*

*Adoption*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0488 FY 2026 Org 0511

Social Services .....	19500	\$	74,283,410
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*90 - Bureau for Social Services –*

*Foster Care*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0489 FY 2026 Org 0511

Social Services .....	19500	\$	174,966,649
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*91 - Bureau for Social Services –*

*Adult Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0492 FY 2026 Org 0511

Social Services .....	19500	\$	6,056,125
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*92 - Bureau for Social Services –**Child Protective Services Case Workers*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0493 FY 2026 Org 0511

Social Services .....	19500	\$	5,157,339
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Child Protective Services Case Workers .....	46800		<u>24,964,445</u>
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Total .....		\$	30,121,784
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*93 - Bureau for Social Services –**Social Service Case Workers*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0494 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits .....	00100		2,637,980
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Current Expenses .....	13000		469,533
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Social Services .....	19500		7,529,649
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Child Protective Services Case Workers .....	46800		<u>2,037,632</u>
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Total .....		\$	12,674,794
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*94 - Bureau for Social Services –**Adult Protective Services Case Workers*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0495 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits .....	00100	\$	4,916,510
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Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>217,408</u>
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Total .....		\$	5,133,918
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95 - Bureau for Social Services –

Youth Service Case Workers

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0496 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	1,153,162
Current Expenses .....	13000	170,344
Social Services .....	19500	<u>4,522,073</u>
Total.....		\$ 5,845,579

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FACILITIES**

96 - Health Facilities –

Central Office

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0401 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,719,019
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and.....		
Agency Heads.....	00201	245,000
Shared Administration.....	30029	1
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,257,327
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>21,828</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,243,175

97 - Health Facilities –

Health Facilities Capital Projects Fund

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0402 FY 2026 Org 0512

Capital Outlay and Maintenance .....	75500	\$ 550,000
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The Secretary shall have the ability to transfer between appropriations for Capital Outlay and Maintenance within the funds 0402, 0408, 0409, 0410, 0411, 0412, 0413, 0414, and 0415 as needed.

*98 - Health Facilities –*

*Hopemont Hospital*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0408 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	6,524,211
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400		90,001
Equipment (R).....	07000		1
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		2,173,082
Buildings (R) .....	25800		1
Other Assets (R).....	69000		1
Contract Nursing (R).....	72301		3,893,811
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500		50,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300		<u>40,000</u>
Total.....		\$	12,771,108

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0408, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0408, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0408, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0408, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0408, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0408, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0408, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0408, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0408, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

*99 - Health Facilities –*

*Lakin Hospital*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0409 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	8,366,804
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400		60,001
Equipment (R).....	07000		1
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		2,363,676
Buildings (R) .....	25800		1
Other Assets (R).....	69000		1
Contract Nursing (R).....	72301		3,539,262
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500		50,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300		<u>174,055</u>
Total.....		\$	14,553,801

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0409, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0409, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0409, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0409, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0409, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0409, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0409, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0409, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0409, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

*100 - Health Facilities –*

*John Manchin Senior Health Care Center*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0410 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	4,168,092
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400		50,001
Equipment (R).....	07000		1
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		1,471,878
Buildings (R) .....	25800		1
Other Assets (R).....	69000		1

Contract Nursing (R) .....	72301	2,907,556
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	50,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300	<u>72,136</u>
Total .....		\$ 8,719,666

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0410, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0410, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0410, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0410, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0410, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0410, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0410, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0410, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0410, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

*101 - Health Facilities –*

*Jackie Withrow Hospital*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0411 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R) .....	00100	\$ 7,201,092
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400	200,001
Equipment (R).....	07000	1
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	2,655,893
Buildings (R) .....	25800	1
Other Assets (R).....	69000	1
Contract Nursing (R).....	72301	2,000,311
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	50,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300	<u>167,074</u>
Total .....		\$ 12,274,374

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0411, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0411, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0411, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0411,

appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0411, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0411, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0411, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0411, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0411, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

*102 - Health Facilities –*

*Welch Community Hospital*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0412 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	13,295,716
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400		1
Equipment (R).....	07000		1
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		15,525,686
Buildings (R) .....	25800		1
Other Assets (R).....	69000		1
Contract Nursing (R).....	72301		250,000
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500		50,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300		<u>149,300</u>
Total .....		\$	29,270,706

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0412, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0412, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0412, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0412, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0412, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0412, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0412, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0412, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0412, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

*103 - Health Facilities –*

*William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0413 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R) .....	00100	\$	28,384,787
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400		350,001
Equipment (R).....	07000		1
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		10,280,300
Buildings (R) .....	25800		1
Other Assets (R).....	69000		1
Contract Nursing (R).....	72301		41,969,835
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500		50,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300		<u>315,334</u>
Total .....		\$	81,350,260

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0413, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0413, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0413, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0413, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0413, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0413, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0413, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0413, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0413, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

*104 - Health Facilities –*

*Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0414 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	25,979,665
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400		300,001
Equipment (R).....	07000		1

Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	2,967,683
Buildings (R) .....	25800	1
Other Assets (R) .....	69000	1
Contract Nursing (R) .....	72301	24,957,520
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	50,000
BRIM Premium (R).....	91300	<u>283,122</u>
Total .....		\$ 54,537,994

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0414, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0414, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0414, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0414, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0414, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0414, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0414, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0414, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0414, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

*105 - Health Facilities –*

*William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital –*

*Transitional Living Facility*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 0415 FY 2026 Org 0512

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$ 1,610,133
Repairs and Alterations (R) .....	06400	2,001
Equipment (R).....	07000	1
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	171,794
Buildings (R) .....	25800	1
Other Assets (R) .....	69000	1
Contract Nursing (R) .....	72301	10,000
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	50,000

BRIM Premium (R).....	91300	<u>20,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,863,931

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0415, appropriation 00100), Repairs and Alterations (fund 0415, appropriation 06400), Equipment (0415, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0415, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0415, appropriation 25800), Other Assets (fund 0415, appropriation 69000), Contract Nursing (fund 0415, appropriation 72301), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0415, appropriation 75500), and BRIM Premium (fund 0415, appropriation 91300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Facilities shall have the authority to transfer between the items of appropriation in order to maintain staffing and other issues that arise in a timely manner.

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

#### *106 - Department of Homeland Security –*

#### *Office of the Secretary*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5F)

#### Fund 0430 FY 2026 Org 0601

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 701,752
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and		
Agency Heads .....	00201	168,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	500
Equipment.....	07000	500
Unclassified (R).....	09900	30,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	91,636
Fusion Center (R) .....	46900	3,084,238
Other Assets .....	69000	500
Directed Transfer .....	70000	32,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300	22,563
WV Fire and EMS Survivor Benefit (R) .....	93900	<u>200,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,331,689

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0430, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0430, appropriation 13099), Fusion Center (fund 0430, appropriation 46900), Justice Reinvestment Training – Surplus (fund 0430, appropriation 69900), WV Fire and EMS Survivor Benefit (fund 0430, appropriation 93900), and Homeland State Security Administrative Agency (fund 0430, appropriation 95300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 0430, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the Law-Enforcement, Safety and Emergency Worker Funeral Expense Payment Fund (fund 6003).

*107 - Division of Emergency Management*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0443 FY 2026 Org 0606

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,329,771
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and			
Agency Heads.....	00201		61,250
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		600
Unclassified .....	09900		21,022
Current Expenses .....	13000		51,065
Radiological Emergency Preparedness .....	55400		17,608
SIRN.....	55401		600,000
Federal Funds/Grant Match (R) .....	74900		1,866,447
Mine and Industrial Accident Rapid			
Response Call Center .....	78100		538,524
Early Warning Flood System (R).....	87700		1,487,801
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>96,529</u>
Total.....		\$	7,070,617

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Federal Funds/Grant Match (fund 0443, appropriation 74900) and Early Warning Flood System (fund 0443, appropriation 87700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*108 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –*

*West Virginia Parole Board*

(W.V. Code Chapter 62)

Fund 0440 FY 2026 Org 0608

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	318,332
Unclassified .....	09900		10,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		234,440
Salaries of Members of West Virginia Parole Board.....	22700		793,430
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>6,149</u>
Total.....		\$	1,362,351

The above appropriation for Salaries of Members of West Virginia Parole Board (fund 0440, appropriation 22700) includes funding for salary, annual increment (as provided for in W.V. Code §5-5-1), and related employee benefits of board members.

*109 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –**Central Office*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0446 FY 2026 Org 0608

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	259,096
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		126,518
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>2,400</u>
Total.....		\$	388,014

*110 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –**Correctional Units*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0450 FY 2026 Org 0608

Employee Benefits .....	01000	\$	1,258,136
Children's Protection Act (R) .....	09000		838,437

Unclassified .....	09900	1,578,800
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	57,690,483
Facilities Planning and Administration (R) .....	38600	1,274,200
Charleston Correctional Center .....	45600	4,292,171
Beckley Correctional Center .....	49000	3,373,622
Anthony Correctional Center .....	50400	6,944,138
Huttonsville Correctional Center .....	51400	23,315,435
Northern Correctional Center .....	53400	10,321,311
Inmate Medical Expenses (R) .....	53500	66,370,483
Pruntytown Correctional Center .....	54300	11,167,934
Corrections Academy .....	56900	2,342,458
Information Technology Services .....	59901	2,759,052
Martinsburg Correctional Center .....	66300	5,838,595
Parole Services .....	68600	7,712,380
Special Services .....	68700	7,470,058
Directed Transfer .....	70000	20,759,291
Investigative Services .....	71600	3,925,268
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	2,000,000
Salem Correctional Center .....	77400	13,930,445
McDowell County Correctional Center .....	79000	2,542,590
Stevens Correctional Center .....	79100	14,348,351
Parkersburg Correctional Center .....	82800	8,570,354
St. Mary's Correctional Center .....	88100	18,735,467
Denmar Correctional Center .....	88200	6,619,382
Ohio County Correctional Center .....	88300	2,868,233
Mt. Olive Correctional Complex .....	88800	29,202,306

Lakin Correctional Center .....	89600	14,045,574
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>2,527,657</u>
Total .....		\$ 354,622,611

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Children's Protection Act (fund 0450, appropriation 09000), Unclassified – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 09700), Current Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 13000), Facilities Planning and Administration (fund 0450, appropriation 38600), Inmate Medical Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 53500), Capital Improvements – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 66100), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0450, appropriation 75500), Security System Improvements – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 75501), Roof Repairs and Mechanical System Upgrades (fund 0450, appropriation 75502), and Stevens Correctional Center – Surplus (fund 0450, appropriation 79500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Commissioner of Corrections and Rehabilitation shall have the authority to transfer between appropriations.

From the above appropriation to Current Expenses (fund 0450, appropriation 13000), payment shall be made to house Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation inmates in federal, county, and/or regional jails.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 0450, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the Regional Jails Operating Cash Control Account (fund 6678).

Any realized savings from Energy Savings Contract may be transferred to Facilities Planning and Administration (fund 0450, appropriation 38600).

*111 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –*

*Bureau of Juvenile Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0570 FY 2026 Org 0608

Statewide Reporting Centers .....	26200	\$ 7,954,237
Robert L. Shell Juvenile Center.....	26700	3,353,727
Resident Medical Expenses (R).....	53501	6,000,078
Central Office .....	70100	2,157,860
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	250,000
Gene Spadaro Juvenile Center .....	79300	3,582,637
BRIM Premium.....	91300	115,967
Kenneth Honey Rubenstein Juvenile Center (R).....	98000	7,045,294

Vicki Douglas Juvenile Center.....	98100	3,451,194
Northern Regional Juvenile Center .....	98200	2,876,302
Lorrie Yeager Jr. Juvenile Center.....	98300	3,300,206
Sam Perdue Juvenile Center .....	98400	3,487,390
Tiger Morton Center.....	98500	3,572,552
Donald R. Kuhn Juvenile Center .....	98600	6,826,359
J.M. "Chick" Buckbee Juvenile Center .....	98700	<u>3,497,404</u>
Total.....		\$ 57,471,207

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Resident Medical Expenses (fund 0570, appropriation 53501), Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0570, appropriation 75500), Roof Repairs and Mechanical System Upgrades (fund 0570, appropriation 75502), and Kenneth Honey Rubenstein Juvenile Center (fund 0570, appropriation 98000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The Director of Juvenile Services shall have the authority to transfer between appropriations to the individual juvenile centers above including Statewide Reporting Centers and Central Office and may transfer funds from the individual juvenile centers to Resident Medical Expenses (fund 0570, appropriation 53501).

*112 - West Virginia State Police*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0453 FY 2026 Org 0612

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 77,180,392
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201	139,300
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	450,523
Children's Protection Act.....	09000	1,127,989
Current Expenses .....	13000	10,384,394
Trooper Class .....	52100	3,227,388
Barracks Lease Payments .....	55600	237,898
Communications and Other Equipment (R).....	55800	1,070,968
Trooper Retirement Fund .....	60500	14,319,315

Handgun Administration Expense .....	74700	89,432
Capital Outlay and Maintenance (R) .....	75500	250,000
Retirement Systems – Unfunded Liability.....	77500	1
Automated Fingerprint Identification System .....	89800	2,269,280
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>5,743,921</u>
Total .....		\$ 116,490,801

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Communications and Other Equipment (fund 0453, appropriation 55800), Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0453, appropriation 67700), and Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 0453, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0453, appropriation 00100), an amount not less than \$25,000 shall be expended to offset the costs associated with providing police services for the West Virginia State Fair.

*113 - Fire Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0436 FY 2026 Org 0619

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 63,061
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*114 - Division of Protective Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5F)

Fund 0585 FY 2026 Org 0622

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 3,516,776
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	8,500
Equipment (R).....	07000	64,171
Unclassified (R).....	09900	21,991
Current Expenses .....	13000	372,981
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>32,602</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,017,021

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Equipment (fund 0585, appropriation 07000) and Unclassified (fund 0585, appropriation 09900) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*115 - Division of Administrative Services –*

*Criminal Justice Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0546 FY 2026 Org 0623

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	723,413
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,804
Current Expenses.....	13000		133,360
Victims of Crime Act (R).....	21601		12,966,931
Court Appointed Special Advocates.....	xxxxx		1,100,000
Child Advocacy Centers (R).....	45800		2,216,336
Community Corrections (R).....	56100		4,616,145
Statistical Analysis Program.....	59700		51,495
Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Commission (R).....	71400		285,570
Qualitative Analysis and Training for Youth Services (R).....	76200		91,479
Law Enforcement Professional Standards.....	83800		183,676
Justice Reinvestment Initiative (R).....	89501		2,346,044
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>2,123</u>
Total.....		\$	24,718,376

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Victims of Crime Act (fund 0546, appropriation 21601), Child Advocacy Centers (fund 0546, appropriation 45800), Community Corrections (fund 0546, appropriation 56100), Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Commission (fund 0546 appropriation 71400), Qualitative Analysis and Training for Youth Services (fund 0546, appropriation 76200), Justice Reinvestment Initiative (fund 0546, appropriation 89501), and Victims of Crime Act – Surplus (fund 0546, appropriation 21099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Child Advocacy Centers (fund 0546, appropriation 45800), the Division may retain an amount not to exceed four percent of the appropriation for administrative purposes.

*116 - Division of Administrative Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 0619 FY 2026 Org 0623

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	5,408,574
Unclassified .....	09900		50,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>555,000</u>
Total.....		\$	6,013,574

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE***117 - Office of the Secretary*

(W.V. Code Chapter 11)

Fund 0465 FY 2026 Org 0701

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	395,153
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		169,820
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,262
Equipment.....	07000		8,000
Unclassified .....	09900		437
Current Expenses .....	13000		81,594
Other Assets .....	69000		500
Directed Transfer .....	70000		<u>33,688,290</u>
Total.....		\$	34,345,056

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Unclassified – Total (fund 0465, appropriation 09600) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer shall be transferred to the Personal Income Tax Reserve Fund (fund 1313).

*118 - Tax Division*

(W.V. Code Chapter 11)

Fund 0470 FY 2026 Org 0702

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	20,798,910
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		147,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		10,150
Equipment.....	07000		54,850
Tax Technology Upgrade.....	09400		3,700,000
Unclassified (R).....	09900		174,578
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		6,823,635
Multi State Tax Commission.....	65300		77,958
Other Assets .....	69000		10,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>15,579</u>
Total .....		\$	31,812,660

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0470, appropriation 00100), Unclassified (fund 0470, appropriation 09900), Current Expenses (fund 0470, appropriation 13000), and Integrated Tax Assessment System (fund 0470, appropriation 29200) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*119 - State Budget Office*

(W.V. Code Chapter 11B)

Fund 0595 FY 2026 Org 0703

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,064,630
Unclassified (R).....	09900		9,200
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		<u>69,449</u>
Total .....		\$	1,143,279

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0595, appropriation 09900) and Current Expenses (fund 0595, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*120 - West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals*

(W.V. Code Chapter 11)

Fund 0593 FY 2026 Org 0709

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	998,751
Unclassified .....	09900		5,255
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		229,374
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>3,062</u>
Total .....		\$	1,236,442

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0593, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*121 - State Athletic Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0523 FY 2026 Org 0933

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	7,200
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>29,611</u>
Total .....		\$	36,811

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION***122 - Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities –**State Rail Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17)

Fund 0506 FY 2026 Org 0810

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	390,790
Current Expenses .....	13000		287,707
Other Assets (R) .....	69000		1,270,019
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>201,541</u>
Total .....		\$	2,150,057

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Other Assets (fund 0506, appropriation 69000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*123 - Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities –*

*Public Transit*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17)

Fund 0510 FY 2026 Org 0810

Equipment (R).....	07000	\$	100,000
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		2,042,989
Buildings (R) .....	25800		100,000
Other Assets (R) .....	69000		50,000
Federal Funds/Grant Match .....	74900		<u>1,250,000</u>
Total .....		\$	3,542,989

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Equipment (fund 0510, appropriation 07000), Current Expenses (fund 0510, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 0510, appropriation 25800), and Other Assets (fund 0510, appropriation 69000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0510, appropriation 13000), \$30,000 will be used to support the Sistersville Ferry.

The appropriation for Federal Funds/ Grant Match (fund 0510, appropriation 74900) shall be used to expand public transportation in, but not limited to, Tucker and Morgan counties.

*124 - Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities –*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17)

Fund 0580 FY 2026 Org 0810

Personal Services and Employee Benefits (R).....	00100	\$	723,563
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		650,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>7,500</u>
Total .....		\$	1,381,063

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 0580, appropriation 00100) and Current Expenses (fund 0580,

appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*125 - Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities –*

*Aeronautics Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17)

Fund 0582 FY 2026 Org 0810

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	238,109
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		100
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		1,791,839
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>4,438</u>
Total .....		\$	2,034,486

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0582, appropriation 13000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0582, appropriation 13000) \$1,000,000 shall be used for the North Central West Virginia Airport apron and taxiway project.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' ASSISTANCE**

*126 - Department of Veterans' Assistance*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 0456 FY 2026 Org 0613

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,696,166
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		110,880
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Unclassified .....	09900		20,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		236,450
Veterans' Field Offices (R) .....	22800		585,550
Veterans' Nursing Home (R) .....	28600		11,443,175

Veterans' Toll Free Assistance Line .....	32800	2,015
Veterans' Reeducation Assistance (R).....	32900	10,000
Veterans' Grant Program (R) .....	34200	335,000
Veterans' Grave Markers .....	47300	10,000
Veterans' Cemetery (R).....	80800	425,279
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>50,000</u>
Total.....		\$ 15,929,515

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Veterans' Field Offices (fund 0456, appropriation 22800), Buildings (fund 0456, appropriation 25800), Buildings – Surplus (fund 0456, appropriation 25899), Veterans' Nursing Home (fund 0456, appropriation 28600), Veterans' Reeducation Assistance (fund 0456, appropriation 32900), Veterans' Grant Program (fund 0456, appropriation 34200), Veterans' Bonus – Surplus (fund 0456, appropriation 34400), Veterans' Cemetery (fund 0456, appropriation 80800), and Educational Opportunities for Children of Deceased Veterans (fund 0456, appropriation 85400) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*127 - Department of Veterans' Assistance –*

*Veterans' Home*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 0460 FY 2026 Org 0618

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,548,950
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000	150,944
Veterans Outreach Programs.....	61700	<u>214,345</u>
Total.....		\$ 1,914,239

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Current Expenses (fund 0460, appropriation 13000) and Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0460, appropriation 67700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

**BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES**

*128 - Bureau of Senior Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 0420 FY 2026 Org 0508

Transfer to Division of Human Services for Health Care

and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens .....	53900	\$	6,580,366
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The above appropriation for Transfer to Division of Human Services for Health Care and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens (fund 0420, appropriation 53900) along with the federal moneys generated thereby shall be used for reimbursement for services provided under the program.

The above appropriation is in addition to funding provided in the Lottery Senior Citizens Fund (fund 5405) for this program.

**WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY  
AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION**

*129 - West Virginia Council for*

*Community and Technical College Education –*

*Control Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0596 FY 2026 Org 0420

West Virginia Council for Community

and Technical Education (R) .....	39200	\$	766,404
Community College Workforce Development (R) .....	87800		2,791,367
College Transition Program.....	88700		278,222
West Virginia Advance Workforce Development (R) .....	89300		3,126,336
Technical Program Development (R) .....	89400		1,800,735
WV Invests Grant Program (R) .....	89401		5,049,753
Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Nontraditional Degree.....	XXXXX		1,033,650

Community and Technical Education

Workforce Development Grants .....	XXXXX		<u>0</u>
Total .....		\$	14,846,467

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for West Virginia Council for Community and Technical Education (fund 0596, appropriation 39200), Capital Improvements – Surplus (fund 0596, appropriation 66100), Community College Workforce Development (fund 0596, appropriation 87800), West Virginia Advance Workforce Development (fund 0596,

appropriation 89300), Technical Program Development (fund 0596, appropriation 89400), and WV Invests Grant Program (fund 0596, appropriation 89401) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*130 - Mountwest Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0599 FY 2026 Org 0444

Mountwest Community and Technical College.....	48700	\$	7,070,248
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*131 - New River Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0600 FY 2026 Org 0445

New River Community and Technical College.....	35800	\$	6,900,124
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*132 - Pierpont Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0597 FY 2026 Org 0446

Pierpont Community and Technical College.....	93000	\$	8,461,049
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*133 - Blue Ridge Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0601 FY 2026 Org 0447

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College.....	88500	\$	9,545,266
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*134 - West Virginia University at Parkersburg*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0351 FY 2026 Org 0464

West Virginia University – Parkersburg .....	47100	\$	11,816,395
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*135 - Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0380 FY 2026 Org 0487

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.....	44600	\$	9,459,029
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*136 - West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0383 FY 2026 Org 0489

West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College .....	44700	\$	8,672,018
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*137 - Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0587 FY 2026 Org 0492

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College .....	41200	\$	2,439,405
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*138 - BridgeValley Community and Technical College*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0618 FY 2026 Org 0493

BridgeValley Community and Technical College .....	71700	\$	8,931,983
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**HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION***139 - Higher Education Policy Commission –**Administration –**Control Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B and 18C)

Fund 0589 FY 2026 Org 0441

Personal Services and Employee Benefits .....	00100	\$	2,945,386
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RHI Program and Site Support –

RHEP Program Administration (R) .....	03700		80,000
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Mental Health Provider Loan Repayment (R) .....	11301		100,000
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Current Expenses .....	13000		1,096,902
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Higher Education Grant Program .....	16400		40,619,864
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Tuition Contract Program (R) .....	16500		1,533,917
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Underwood-Smith Scholarship Program-Student Awards .....	16700		1,478,349
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Facilities Planning and Administration.....	38600	1,760,254
Dual Enrollment Program.....	42201	5,810,625
Higher Education System Initiatives.....	48801	1,655,725
PROMISE Scholarship – Transfer.....	80000	18,500,000
HEAPS Grant Program (R).....	86700	5,026,840
Health Professionals' Student Loan Program (R).....	86701	547,470
Directed Transfer.....	70000	293,500
West Virginia University College of Law.....	xxxxx	250,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>17,817</u>
Total.....		\$ 81,716,649

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for RHI Program and Site Support – RHEP Program Administration (fund 0589, 03700), Mental Health Provider Loan Repayment (fund 0589, appropriation 11301), Tuition Contract Program (fund 0589, appropriation 16500), Fire and EMS Training Program Support – Surplus (fund 0589, appropriation 31099), Dual Enrollment Program (fund 0589, appropriation 42201), Nursing Program Expansion Support – Surplus (fund 0589, appropriation 42299), HEAPS Grant Program (fund 0589, appropriation 86700), and Health Professionals' Student Loan Program (fund 0589, appropriation 86701) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The above appropriation for Facilities Planning and Administration (fund 0589, appropriation 38600) is for operational expenses of the West Virginia Regional Technology Park between construction and full occupancy.

The above appropriation for Higher Education Grant Program (fund 0589, appropriation 16400) shall be transferred to the Higher Education Grant Fund (fund 4933) established by W.V. Code §18C-5-3.

The above appropriation for Underwood-Smith Scholarship Program - Student Awards (fund 0589, appropriation 16700) shall be transferred to the Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars Program Fund (fund 4922) established by W.V. Code §18C-4-1.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 0589, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the Military College Advisory Council Fund (fund XXXX).

The above appropriation for PROMISE Scholarship-Transfer (fund 0589, appropriation 80000) shall be transferred to the PROMISE Scholarship Fund (fund 4296) established by W.V. Code §18C-7-7.

The above appropriation for Dual Enrollment Program (fund 0589, appropriation 42201) shall be used for the Dual Enrollment Program established by House Bill 2005 during the 2023 Regular Session.

*140 - West Virginia University –**School of Medicine**Medical School Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0343 FY 2026 Org 0463

WVU School of Health Science – Eastern Division .....	05600	\$	2,449,725
WVU – School of Health Sciences .....	17400		16,318,104
WVU – School of Health Sciences – Charleston Division .....	17500		2,503,592
Rural Health Outreach Programs (R) .....	37700		172,019
West Virginia University School of Medicine			
BRIM Subsidy .....	46000		<u>1,203,087</u>
Total .....		\$	22,646,527

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Rural Health Outreach Programs (fund 0343, appropriation 37700) at the close of fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*141 - West Virginia University –**General Administrative Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0344 FY 2026 Org 0463

West Virginia University .....	45900	\$	96,507,802
West Virginia University Land Grant Match .....	45101		8,644,064
Jackson's Mill (R) .....	46100		516,910
West Virginia University Institute of Technology .....	47900		8,892,384
State Priorities – Brownfield Professional Development (R) ....	53100		816,556
Washington Center .....	xxxxx		1,500,000
Energy Express (R) .....	86100		386,592
West Virginia University – Potomac State .....	99400		<u>5,307,402</u>

Total ..... \$ 122,571,710

From the above appropriation for Jackson's Mill (fund 0344, appropriation 46100), \$250,000 shall be used for the West Virginia State Fire Training Academy and \$43,000 shall be used for the West Virginia University Fire Extension Service to fund a study to improve volunteer fire departments.

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for West Virginia University – Surplus (fund 0344, appropriation 30099), Jackson's Mill (fund 0344, appropriation 46100), State Priorities – Brownfield Professional Development (fund 0344, appropriation 53100), National Cancer Institute - Surplus (fund 0344, appropriation 65399), and Energy Express (fund 0344, appropriation 86100) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*142 - Marshall University –*

*School of Medicine*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0347 FY 2026 Org 0471

Marshall Medical School .....	17300	\$	8,466,806
Rural Health Outreach Program (R).....	37700		161,176
Forensic Lab (R) .....	37701		227,859
Center for Rural Health (R) .....	37702		170,920
Marshall University Medical School BRIM Subsidy .....	44900		<u>872,612</u>
Total .....		\$	9,899,373

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Rural Health Outreach Programs (fund 0347, appropriation 37700), Forensic Lab (fund 0347, appropriation 37701), and Center for Rural Health (fund 0347, appropriation 37702) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*143 - Marshall University –*

*General Administration Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0348 FY 2026 Org 0471

Marshall University.....	44800	\$	53,963,819
Marshall University Minority Health Institute.....	42301		100,000
Luke Lee Listening Language and Learning Lab (R).....	44801		159,287

Vista E-Learning (R).....	51900	229,019
National Youth Science Camp .....	13200	1,000,000
State Priorities – Brownfield Professional Development (R)....	53100	809,606
Marshall University Graduate College Writing Project (R) .....	80700	25,412
WV Autism Training Center (R).....	93200	<u>2,011,949</u>
Total .....		\$ 58,299,092

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Luke Lee Listening Language and Learning Lab (fund 0348, appropriation 44801), VISTA E-Learning (fund 0348, appropriation 51900), State Priorities – Brownfield Professional Development (fund 0348, appropriation 53100), Marshall University Graduate College Writing Project (fund 0348, appropriation 80700), WV Autism Training Center (fund 0348, appropriation 93200), Marshall University Minority Health Institute (fund 0348, appropriation 42301), and Marshall University Cybersecurity Program – Surplus (fund 0348, appropriation 42302) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*144 - West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0336 FY 2026 Org 0476

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine .....	17200	\$ 5,696,122
Rural Health Outreach Programs (R) .....	37700	176,190
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine		
BRIM Subsidy .....	40300	153,405
Rural Health Initiative – Medical Schools Support.....	58100	<u>421,157</u>
Total .....		\$ 6,446,874

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine – Surplus (fund 0336, appropriation 17299), Rural Health Outreach Programs (fund 0336, appropriation 37700), and Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0336, appropriation 67700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*145 - Bluefield State University*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0354 FY 2026 Org 0482

Bluefield State University .....	40800	\$ 7,094,661
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*146 - Concord University*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0357 FY 2026 Org 0483

Concord University.....	41000	\$	11,494,967
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*147 - Fairmont State University*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0360 FY 2026 Org 0484

Fairmont State University.....	41400	\$	20,634,815
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*148 - Glenville State University*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0363 FY 2026 Org 0485

Glenville State University.....	42800	\$	7,591,844
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*149 - Shepherd University*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0366 FY 2026 Org 0486

Shepherd University.....	43200	\$	13,704,338
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*150 - West Liberty University*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0370 FY 2026 Org 0488

West Liberty University.....	43900	\$	10,416,184
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*151 - West Virginia State University*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0373 FY 2026 Org 0490

West Virginia State University.....	44100	\$	11,989,550
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Healthy Grandfamilies (R).....	62101		800,000
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LPN to BSN.....	xxxxx		250,000
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West Virginia State University Land Grant Match.....	95600	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 18,039,550

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Healthy Grandfamilies (fund 0373, appropriation 62101) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*152 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*Administration -*

*West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing (WVNET)*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 0551 FY 2026 Org 0495

WVNET .....	16900	\$ 1,977,941
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**MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

*153 - Adjutant General –*

*State Militia*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0433 FY 2026 Org 0603

Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and

Agency Heads.....	00201	\$ 189,000
Unclassified (R).....	09900	106,798
College Education Fund.....	23200	2,500,000
Civil Air Patrol .....	23400	199,664
Armory Board Transfer.....	70015	2,317,555
Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy.....	70900	3,614,600
SEARCH Director .....	xxxxx	70,000
Military Authority (R).....	74800	6,681,954
Drug Enforcement and Support.....	74801	<u>1,451,713</u>
Total .....		\$ 17,131,284

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified (fund 0433, appropriation 09900), Recruit WV Employment Program – Surplus (fund 0433, appropriation 30799), Capital Outlay, Repairs and Equipment – Surplus (fund 0433, appropriation 67700), Armory Board Transfers – Surplus (fund 0433, appropriation 70299), Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy (fund 0433, appropriation 70900), Military Authority (fund 0433, appropriation 74800), Military Authority – Surplus (fund 0433, appropriation 74899), and Federal Funds/Grant Match (fund 0433, appropriation 85700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriations an amount approved by the Adjutant General may be transferred to the State Armory Board for operation and maintenance of National Guard Armories.

The Adjutant General shall have the authority to transfer between appropriations.

From the above appropriation and other state and federal funding, the Adjutant General shall provide an amount not less than \$3,614,600 to the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy to meet anticipated program demand.

*154 - Adjutant General –*

*Military Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 0605 FY 2026 Org 0603

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	100,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>57,775</u>
Total .....		\$	157,775

Total TITLE II, Section 1 – General Revenue

(Including claims against the state)..... \$ 5,317,557,000

**Sec. 2. Appropriations from state road fund.**—From the state road fund there are hereby appropriated conditionally upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code the following amounts, as itemized, for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

*155 - Division of Motor Vehicles*

(W.V. Code Chapters 17, 17A, 17B, 17C, 17D, 20, and 24A)

Fund 9007 FY 2026 Org 0802

	<b>State</b>
<b>Appro-</b>	<b>Road</b>

	<b>priation</b>	<b>Fund</b>
Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 43,505,517
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201	129,500
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	144,000
Equipment.....	07000	1,080,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	27,556,730
Buildings .....	25800	10,000
Other Assets .....	69000	2,480,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>110,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 75,015,747

*156 - Division of Highways*

(W.V. Code Chapters 17 and 17C)

Fund 9017 FY 2026 Org 0803

Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201	\$ 200,000
Debt Service .....	04000	120,000,000
Maintenance .....	23700	700,235,315
Inventory Revolving .....	27500	17,000,000
Equipment Revolving .....	27600	52,950,166
General Operations.....	27700	186,166,680
Interstate Construction .....	27800	275,000,000
Other Federal Aid Programs .....	27900	450,000,000
Appalachian Programs.....	28000	250,000,000
Highway Litter Control.....	28200	<u>1,650,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,053,202,161

The above appropriations are to be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 17 and 17C of the W.V. Code.

The Commissioner of Highways shall have the authority to operate revolving funds within the State Road Fund for the operation and purchase of various types of equipment used directly and indirectly in the construction and maintenance of roads and for the purchase of inventories and materials and supplies.

There is hereby appropriated in addition to the above appropriations, sufficient money for the payment of claims, accrued or arising during this budgetary period, to be paid in accordance with Sections 17, 17a and 18, Article 2, Chapter 14 of the W.V. Code.

It is the intent of the Legislature to capture and match all federal funds available for expenditure on the Appalachian highway system at the earliest possible time. Therefore, should amounts in excess of those appropriated be required for the purposes of Appalachian Programs, funds in excess of the amount appropriated may be made available upon recommendation of the Commissioner and approval of the Governor. Further, for the purpose of Appalachian Programs, funds appropriated by appropriation may be transferred to other appropriations upon recommendation of the Commissioner and approval of the Governor.

Total TITLE II, Section 2 – State Road Fund

(Including claims against the state)..... \$ 2,129,082,658

**Sec. 3. Appropriations from other funds.**—From the funds designated there are hereby appropriated conditionally upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code the following amounts, as itemized, for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

**LEGISLATIVE**

*157 - Crime Victims Compensation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 14)

Fund 1731 FY 2026 Org 2300

	<b>Appro-</b>		<b>Other</b>
	<b>priation</b>		<b>Funds</b>
Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	498,020
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,000
Current Expenses.....	13000		133,903
Economic Loss Claim Payment Fund.....	33400		2,000,000
Other Assets.....	69000		<u>3,700</u>
Total.....		\$	2,636,623

**JUDICIAL**

*158 - Supreme Court –*

*Court Advanced Technology Subscription Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 51)

Fund 1704 FY 2026 Org 2400

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	100,000
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*159 - Supreme Court –*

*Adult Drug Court Participation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 62)

Fund 1705 FY 2026 Org 2400

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	200,000
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*160 - Supreme Court –*

*Family Court Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 51)

Fund 1763 FY 2026 Org 2400

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	900,000
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*161 - Supreme Court –*

*Court Facilities Maintenance Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 51)

Fund 1766 FY 2026 Org 2400

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	70,000
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Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>680,000</u>
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Total .....		\$	750,000
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**EXECUTIVE**

*162 - Governor's Office –*

*Minority Affairs Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 1058 FY 2026 Org 0100

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	239,958
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration .....	03100		8,926
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>453,200</u>
Total .....		\$	702,084

*163 - Auditor's Office –*

*Grant Recovery Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 12)

Fund 1205 FY 2026 Org 1200

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	2,000
Equipment.....	07000		7,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>191,000</u>
Total .....		\$	200,000

*164 - Auditor's Office –*

*Land Operating Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapters 11A, 12, and 36)

Fund 1206 FY 2026 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	901,372
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		2,600
Equipment.....	07000		426,741
Unclassified .....	09900		15,139
Current Expenses .....	13000		715,291
Cost of Delinquent Land Sale.....	76800		<u>1,841,168</u>
Total .....		\$	3,902,311

There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriations if needed, the necessary amount for the expenditure of funds other than Personal Services and

Employee Benefits to enable the division to pay the direct expenses relating to land sales as provided in Chapter 11A of the West Virginia Code.

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees and collections as provided by law.

*165 - Auditor's Office –*

*Local Government Purchasing Card Expenditure Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 6)

Fund 1224 FY 2026 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	670,729
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		6,000
Equipment.....	07000		10,805
Current Expenses .....	13000		282,030
Other Assets .....	69000		50,000
Statutory Revenue Distribution.....	74100		<u>3,500,000</u>
Total.....		\$	4,519,564

There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriations if needed, the amount necessary to meet the transfer of revenue distribution requirements to provide a proportionate share of rebates back to the general fund of local governments based on utilization of the program in accordance with W.V. Code §6-9-2b.

*166 - Auditor's Office –*

*Securities Regulation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 32)

Fund 1225 FY 2026 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,579,931
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		12,400
Equipment.....	07000		594,700
Unclassified .....	09900		31,866
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,463,830
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>1,200,000</u>

Total ..... \$ 6,882,727

*167 - Auditor's Office –*

*Technology Support and Acquisition Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 12)

Fund 1233 FY 2026 Org 1200

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	10,000
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>5,000</u>
Total .....		\$	15,000

Fifty percent of the deposits made into this fund shall be transferred to the Treasurer's Office – Technology Support and Acquisition Fund (fund 1329) for expenditure for the purposes described in W.V. Code §12-3-10c.

*168 - Auditor's Office –*

*Purchasing Card Administration Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 12)

Fund 1234 FY 2026 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,927,244
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,500
Equipment.....	07000		850,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		2,303,622
Other Assets .....	69000		508,886
Statutory Revenue Distribution.....	74100		<u>8,000,000</u>
Total .....		\$	15,595,252

There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriations if needed, the amount necessary to meet the transfer and revenue distribution requirements to the Purchasing Improvement Fund (fund 2264), the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Investment Fund (fund 3014), the Hatfield-McCoy Regional Recreation Authority, and the State Park Operating Fund (fund 3265) per W.V. Code §12-3-10d.

*169 - Auditor's Office –*

*Chief Inspector's Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 6)

Fund 1235 FY 2026 Org 1200

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,910,235
Equipment.....	07000		50,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>765,915</u>
Total .....		\$	4,726,150

*170 - Auditor's Office –**Private Trust Company Application Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapters 31 and 46)

Fund 1241 FY 2026 Org 1200

Equipment.....	07000	\$	30,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>60,000</u>
Total .....		\$	90,000

*171 - Department of Agriculture –**Agriculture Fees Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapters 19)

Fund 1401 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,102,402
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		158,500
Equipment.....	07000		436,209
Unclassified .....	09900		37,425
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,856,184
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>10,000</u>
Total .....		\$	5,600,720

*172 - Department of Agriculture –**West Virginia Rural Rehabilitation Program*

## (W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1408 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	85,293
Unclassified .....	09900		10,476
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>2,200,000</u>
Total .....		\$	2,295,769

*173 - Department of Agriculture –**General John McCausland Memorial Farm Fund*

## (W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1409 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	85,545
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		36,400
Equipment.....	07000		15,000
Unclassified .....	09900		2,100
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>89,500</u>
Total .....		\$	228,545

The above appropriations shall be expended in accordance with Article 26, Chapter 19 of the Code.

*174 - Department of Agriculture –**Farm Operating Fund*

## (W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1412 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	932,035
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		388,722
Equipment.....	07000		399,393
Unclassified .....	09900		15,173
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,367,464

Other Assets .....	69000	<u>20,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,122,787

*175 - Department of Agriculture –*

*Capital Improvements Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1413 FY 2026 Org 1400

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	250,000
Equipment.....	07000	350,000
Unclassified .....	09900	20,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	510,000
Buildings .....	25800	670,000
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>200,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,000,000

*176 - Department of Agriculture –*

*Agriculture Development Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1423 FY 2026 Org 1400

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 100,000
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*177 - Department of Agriculture –*

*Donated Food Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1446 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,163,783
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	128,500
Equipment.....	07000	10,000
Unclassified .....	09900	45,807

Current Expenses .....	13000	3,410,542
Other Assets .....	69000	27,000
Land .....	73000	<u>250,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 5,035,632

*178 - Department of Agriculture –  
Integrated Predation Management Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 7)

Fund 1465 FY 2026 Org 1400

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 112,500
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*179 - Department of Agriculture –  
West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1481 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 100,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,100,000

*180 - Department of Agriculture –  
Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 1483 FY 2026 Org 1400

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 7,500
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*181 - Department of Agriculture –  
State FFA-FHA Camp and Conference Center*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 1484 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,289,160
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Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	82,500
Equipment.....	07000	76,000
Unclassified .....	09900	17,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,143,306
Buildings .....	25800	1,000
Other Assets .....	69000	10,000
Land .....	73000	<u>1,000</u>
Total.....		\$ 2,619,966

*182 - Attorney General –*

*Antitrust Enforcement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 47)

Fund 1507 FY 2026 Org 1500

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 371,036
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Equipment.....	07000	1,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>148,803</u>
Total.....		\$ 521,839

*183 - Attorney General –*

*Preneed Burial Contract Regulation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 47)

Fund 1513 FY 2026 Org 1500

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 240,959
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Equipment.....	07000	1,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>54,615</u>
Total.....		\$ 297,574

*184 - Attorney General –  
Preneed Funeral Guarantee Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 47)  
Fund 1514 FY 2026 Org 1500*

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	901,135
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*185 - Secretary of State –  
Service Fees and Collection Account  
(W.V. Code Chapters 3, 5, and 59)  
Fund 1612 FY 2026 Org 1600*

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,196,867
Unclassified .....	09900		4,524
Current Expenses .....	13000		8,036
Total .....		\$	1,209,427

*186 - Secretary of State –  
General Administrative Fees Account  
(W.V. Code Chapters 3, 5, and 59)  
Fund 1617 FY 2026 Org 1600*

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,248,467
Unclassified .....	09900		25,529
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,276,716
Technology Improvements.....	59900		1,370,000
Total .....		\$	5,920,712

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

*187 - Department of Administration –  
Office of the Secretary –  
Tobacco Settlement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 4)

Fund 2041 FY 2026 Org 0201

Tobacco Settlement Securitization Trustee Passthru .....	65000	\$	80,000,000
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*188 - Department of Administration –*

*Office of the Secretary –*

*Employee Pension and Health Care Benefit Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 2044 FY 2026 Org 0201

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	39,831,000
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The above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 2044, appropriation 13000) shall be transferred to the Consolidated Public Retirement Board – Teachers' Accumulation Fund (fund 2600).

*189 - Department of Administration –*

*Division of Finance –*

*Shared Services Section Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2020 FY 2026 Org 0209

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,638,791
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Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>500,000</u>
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Total .....		\$	2,138,791
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*190 - Division of Purchasing –*

*Vendor Fee Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2263 FY 2026 Org 0213

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	611,378
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Current Expenses .....	13000		9,115
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BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>810</u>
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Total ..... \$ 621,303

191 - Division of Purchasing –  
Purchasing Improvement Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)  
Fund 2264 FY 2026 Org 0213

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,060,880
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	500
Equipment.....	07000	500
Unclassified .....	09900	5,562
Current Expenses .....	13000	492,066
Other Assets .....	69000	500
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>850</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,560,858

192 - Travel Management –  
Aviation Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)  
Fund 2302 FY 2026 Org 0215

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$ 1,275,237
Equipment.....	07000	1,000
Unclassified .....	09900	1,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	149,700
Buildings .....	25800	100
Other Assets .....	69000	100
Land .....	73000	<u>100</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,427,237

193 - Fleet Management Division Fund

## (W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2301 FY 2026 Org 0216

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	839,903
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		12,000
Equipment.....	07000		800,000
Unclassified .....	09900		4,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		11,630,614
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>2,000</u>
Total.....		\$	13,288,517

*194 - Division of Personnel*

## (W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 2440 FY 2026 Org 0222

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	5,034,147
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		122,500
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Equipment.....	07000		20,000
Unclassified .....	09900		51,418
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,262,813
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>60,000</u>
Total.....		\$	6,555,878

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of fees collected by the Division of Personnel.

*195 - West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute*

## (W.V. Code Chapter 7)

Fund 2521 FY 2026 Org 0228

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	139,779
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Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and

Agency Heads .....	00201	119,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	600
Equipment.....	07000	500
Unclassified .....	09900	4,023
Current Expenses .....	13000	297,528
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>500</u>
Total.....		\$ 561,930

*196 - Office of Technology –*

*Office of Technology Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2220 FY 2026 Org 0231

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 24,213,297
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Equipment.....	07000	2,100,000
Unclassified .....	09900	351,068
Current Expenses .....	13000	57,927,608
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>1,055,000</u>
Total.....		\$ 85,647,973

*197 - Office of Technology –*

*Technology Infrastructure Reinvestment Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 31)

Fund 2209 FY 2026 Org 0231

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 400,000
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

*198 - Division of Forestry*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 3081 FY 2026 Org 0305

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	224,509
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		53,000
Equipment.....	07000		300,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>439,830</u>
Total.....		\$	1,017,339

*199 - Division of Forestry –**Timbering Operations Enforcement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 3082 FY 2026 Org 0305

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	265,835
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		11,250
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>54,873</u>
Total.....		\$	331,958

*200 - Division of Forestry –**Severance Tax Operations*

(W.V. Code Chapter 11)

Fund 3084 FY 2026 Org 0305

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	282,614
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*201 - Geological and Economic Survey –**Geological and Analytical Services Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 3100 FY 2026 Org 0306

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	37,966
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		50,000

Equipment.....	07000	20,000
Unclassified .....	09900	2,182
Current Expenses .....	13000	141,631
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>10,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 261,779

The above appropriations shall be used in accordance with W.V. Code §29-2-4.

*202 - Office of Energy –*

*Energy Assistance*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3010 FY 2026 Org 0307

Energy Assistance - Total .....	64700	\$ 7,211
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*203 - Division of Economic Development –*

*Broadband Enhancement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 31G)

Fund 3013 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 133,072
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>1,648,318</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,781,390

*204 - Division of Economic Development –*

*Entrepreneurship and Innovation Investment Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3014 FY 2026 Org 0307

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Investment Fund .....	70301	\$ 1,500,000
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*205 - Division of Economic Development –*

*Broadband Development Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 31G)

Fund 3034 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	687,121
Unclassified .....	09900		2,000,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>235,302,925</u>
Total .....		\$	237,990,046

*206 - Division of Economic Development –**Office of Coalfield Community Development*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3162 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	440,848
Unclassified .....	09900		8,300
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>399,191</u>
Total.....		\$	848,339

*207 - Division of Labor –**West Virginia Jobs Act Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3176 FY 2026 Org 0308

Equipment.....	07000	\$	25,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>75,000</u>
Total .....		\$	100,000

*208 - Division of Labor –**HVAC Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3186 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	482,855
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		4,500

Unclassified .....	09900		4,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		82,000
Buildings .....	25800		1,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>8,500</u>
Total .....		\$	582,855

*209 - Division of Labor –*

*Elevator Safety Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3188 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	299,995
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		129,221
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		2,000
Unclassified .....	09900		2,261
Current Expenses .....	13000		94,712
Buildings .....	25800		1,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>8,500</u>
Total .....		\$	537,689

*210 - Division of Labor –*

*Steam Boiler Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3189 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	83,471
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		2,000
Unclassified .....	09900		1,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		20,000

Buildings .....	25800		1,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>1,000</u>
Total .....		\$	108,471

*211 - Division of Labor –*

*Crane Operator Certification Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3191 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	141,576
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,500
Unclassified .....	09900		380
Current Expenses .....	13000		46,175
Buildings .....	25800		1,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>7,000</u>
Total .....		\$	197,631

*212 - Division of Labor –*

*Amusement Rides and Amusement Attraction Safety Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3192 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	202,269
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		2,000
Unclassified .....	09900		1,281
Current Expenses .....	13000		44,520
Buildings .....	25800		1,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>8,500</u>
Total .....		\$	259,570

*213 - Division of Labor –*

*State Manufactured Housing Administration Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3195 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	303,686
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,000
Unclassified .....	09900		1,847
Current Expenses .....	13000		43,700
Buildings .....	25800		1,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>3,404</u>
Total .....		\$	354,637

*214 - Division of Labor –*

*Weights and Measures Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 47)

Fund 3196 FY 2026 Org 0308

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	10,000
Equipment.....	07000		10,000
Unclassified .....	09900		1,200
Current Expenses .....	13000		93,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>7,000</u>
Total .....		\$	121,200

*215 - Division of Labor –*

*Bedding and Upholstery Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 47)

Fund 3198 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	156,381
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		2,000

Unclassified .....	09900		2,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		145,400
Buildings .....	25800		1,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>8,700</u>
Total .....		\$	315,481

*216 - Division of Labor –*

*Psychophysiological Examiners Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3199 FY 2026 Org 0308

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	4,000
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*217 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*License Fund – Wildlife Resources*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3200 FY 2026 Org 0310

Wildlife Resources .....	02300	\$	11,294,856
Administration .....	15500		2,823,713
Capital Improvements and Land Purchase (R).....	24800		2,823,714
Law Enforcement .....	80600		<u>11,294,856</u>
Total .....		\$	28,237,139

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of fees collected by the Division of Natural Resources.

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Improvements and Land Purchase (fund 3200, appropriation 24800) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*218 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*Natural Resources Game Fish and Aquatic Life Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3202 FY 2026 Org 0310

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	125,000
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*219 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*Nongame Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3203 FY 2026 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	727,138
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Equipment.....	07000		106,615
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Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>201,810</u>
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Total.....		\$	1,035,563
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*220 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*Planning and Development Division*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3205 FY 2026 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	482,802
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Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		15,016
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Equipment.....	07000		308,300
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Current Expenses .....	13000		1,056,876
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Buildings .....	25800		8,300
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Other Assets .....	69000		1,900,000
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Land .....	73000		<u>31,700</u>
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Total.....		\$	3,802,994
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*221 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*State Parks and Recreation Endowment Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3211 FY 2026 Org 0310

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	3,000
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Equipment.....	07000	2,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	6,000
Buildings .....	25800	3,000
Other Assets .....	69000	3,504,000
Land .....	73000	<u>2,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,520,000

*222 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*Whitewater Study and Improvement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3253 FY 2026 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 76,836
Equipment.....	07000	1,297
Current Expenses .....	13000	64,778
Buildings .....	25800	<u>6,969</u>
Total .....		\$ 149,880

*223 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*Whitewater Advertising and Promotion Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3256 FY 2026 Org 0310

Unclassified .....	09900	\$ 200
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>19,800</u>
Total .....		\$ 20,000

*224 - Division of Miners' Health, Safety and Training –*

*Special Health, Safety and Training Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22A)

Fund 3355 FY 2026 Org 0314

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	543,068
W.V. Mining Extension Service .....	02600		150,000
Unclassified .....	09900		23,700
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>1,671,842</u>
Total .....		\$	2,388,610

*225 - Department of Commerce –*

*Office of the Secretary –*

*Marketing and Communications Operating Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3002 FY 2026 Org 0327

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,335,679
Equipment.....	07000		36,000
Unclassified .....	09900		30,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>1,315,078</u>
Total .....		\$	3,716,757

*226 - State Board of Rehabilitation –*

*Division of Rehabilitation Services –*

*West Virginia Rehabilitation Center Special Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 8664 FY 2026 Org 0932

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	119,738
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		85,500
Equipment.....	07000		220,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,180,122
Buildings .....	25800		150,000
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>150,000</u>

Total ..... \$ 1,905,360

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM**

*227 - Division of Culture and History –*

*Public Records and Preservation Revenue Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 3542 FY 2026 Org 0432

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	254,946
Equipment.....	07000		75,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		862,241
Buildings .....	25800		1,000
Other Assets .....	69000		52,328
Land .....	73000		<u>1,000</u>
Total .....		\$	1,246,515

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

*228 - State Board of Education –*

*Strategic Staff Development*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 3937 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	35,000
Unclassified .....	09900		26,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>2,039,000</u>
Total .....		\$	2,100,000

*229 - School Building Authority –*

*School Construction Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 3952 FY 2026 Org 0404

SBA Construction Grants .....	24000	\$ 152,345,818
Directed Transfer .....	70000	<u>1,516,472</u>
Total .....		\$ 153,862,290

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 3952, appropriation 70000) shall be transferred to the School Building Authority Fund (fund 3959) for the administrative expenses of the School Building Authority.

*230 - School Building Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 3959 FY 2026 Org 0404

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,233,127
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	13,150
Equipment.....	07000	26,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>244,195</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,516,472

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

*231 - Solid Waste Management Board*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22C)

Fund 3288 FY 2026 Org 0312

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 922,334
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Equipment.....	07000	5,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	2,059,457
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>4,403</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,992,194

*232 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Hazardous Waste Management Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3023 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	831,098
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		500
Equipment.....	07000		1,505
Unclassified .....	09900		8,072
Current Expenses .....	13000		155,969
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>2,000</u>
Total.....		\$	999,144

*233 - Division of Environmental Protection –**Air Pollution Education and Environment Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3024 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	590,995
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		13,000
Equipment.....	07000		53,105
Unclassified .....	09900		12,919
Current Expenses .....	13000		612,291
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>20,000</u>
Total.....		\$	1,302,310

*234 - Division of Environmental Protection –**Special Reclamation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3321 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,778,866
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		79,950
Equipment.....	07000		130,192

Current Expenses .....	13000	16,185,006
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>32,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 18,206,014

*235 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3322 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 562,296
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>956,094</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,518,390

*236 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Oil and Gas Operating Permit and Processing Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3323 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 3,080,953
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	9,500
Equipment.....	07000	230,500
Unclassified .....	09900	30,700
Current Expenses .....	13000	937,300
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>500</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,289,453

*237 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Mining and Reclamation Operations Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3324 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,774,699
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Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	60,260
Equipment.....	07000	83,000
Unclassified .....	09900	920
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,479,231
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>57,500</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,455,610

*238 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Underground Storage Tank*

*Administrative Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3325 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 503,574
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	5,350
Equipment.....	07000	3,610
Unclassified .....	09900	7,520
Current Expenses .....	13000	318,420
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>3,500</u>
Total .....		\$ 841,974

*239 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Hazardous Waste Emergency Response Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3331 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 354,585
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	7,014
Equipment.....	07000	9,000
Unclassified .....	09900	10,616

Current Expenses .....	13000	767,905
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>3,500</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,152,620

*240 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Solid Waste Reclamation and  
Environmental Response Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3332 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 904,165
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	25,000
Equipment.....	07000	106,500
Unclassified .....	09900	22,900
Current Expenses .....	13000	3,929,737
Buildings.....	25800	500
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>1,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,989,802

*241 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Solid Waste Enforcement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3333 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 3,572,719
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	30,930
Equipment.....	07000	23,356
Unclassified .....	09900	28,460
Current Expenses .....	13000	932,229
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>20,554</u>

Total ..... \$ 4,608,248

*242 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Air Pollution Control Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3336 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 6,252,446
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	84,045
Equipment.....	07000	103,601
Unclassified .....	09900	70,572
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,669,467
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>52,951</u>
Total .....		\$ 8,233,082

*243 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Environmental Laboratory*

*Certification Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3340 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 389,614
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Unclassified .....	09900	1,120
Current Expenses .....	13000	201,146
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>163,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 755,880

*244 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Stream Restoration Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3349 FY 2026 Org 0313

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	3,682,076
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*245 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Litter Control Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3486 FY 2026 Org 0313

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	60,000
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*246 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Recycling Assistance Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3487 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	717,788
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		800
Equipment.....	07000		500
Unclassified .....	09900		400
Current Expenses .....	13000		2,754,258
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>2,500</u>
Total.....		\$	3,476,246

*247 - Division of Environmental Protection –*

*Mountaintop Removal Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 3490 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	858,694
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		27,612
Equipment.....	07000		23,500
Unclassified .....	09900		1,180

Current Expenses .....	13000	390,907
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>11,520</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,313,413

*248 - Oil and Gas Conservation Commission –*

*Special Oil and Gas Conservation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22C)

Fund 3371 FY 2026 Org 0315

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 171,356
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Equipment.....	07000	9,481
Current Expenses .....	13000	161,225
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>1,500</u>
Total .....		\$ 344,562

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

*249 - Department of Health –*

*Emergency Medical Service Workers Salary Enhancement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5049 FY 2026 Org 0506

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 8,000,000
Crisis Training.....	xxxxx	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 10,000,000

*250 - Department of Health –*

*The Vital Statistics Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5144 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,198,160
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Unclassified .....	09900	15,500
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>3,557,788</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,771,448

*251 - Department of Health –*

*Laboratory Services Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5163 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,083,838
Unclassified .....	09900	18,114
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>2,209,105</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,311,057

*252 - Department of Health –*

*Hepatitis B Vaccine*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5183 FY 2026 Org 0506

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 9,740
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*253 - Department of Health –*

*Lead Abatement Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5204 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 19,100
Unclassified .....	09900	373
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>17,875</u>
Total .....		\$ 37,348

*254 - Department of Health –*

*West Virginia Birth-to-Three Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5214 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	769,278
Unclassified .....	09900		223,999
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>44,881,617</u>
Total .....		\$	45,874,894

*255 - Department of Health –**Tobacco Control Special Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5218 FY 2026 Org 0506

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	7,579
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*256 - Department of Health –**Medical Cannabis Program Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16A)

Fund 5420 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	509,658
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>2,046,040</u>
Total .....		\$	2,555,698

*257 - West Virginia Health Care Authority –**Health Care Cost Review Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5375 FY 2026 Org 0507

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	200,000
Unclassified .....	09900		7,500
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>542,586</u>
Total .....		\$	750,086

The above appropriation is to be expended in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of W.V. Code §16-29B and from the special revolving fund designated Health Care Cost Review Fund.

*258 - West Virginia Health Care Authority –*

*Certificate of Need Program Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5377 FY 2026 Org 0507

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	555,842
Unclassified .....	09900		9,481
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>382,786</u>
Total .....		\$	948,109

*259 - Office of the Inspector General –*

*The Health Facility Licensing Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5172 FY 2026 Org 0513

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	712,839
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		100
Equipment.....	07000		100
Unclassified .....	09900		7,113
Current Expenses .....	13000		97,947
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>100</u>
Total .....		\$	818,199

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

*260 - Department of Human Services –*

*Health Care Provider Tax –*

*Medicaid State Share Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 11)

Fund 5090 FY 2026 Org 0511

Medical Services.....	18900	\$ 493,594,315
Medical Services Administrative Costs.....	78900	<u>268,451</u>
Total.....		\$ 493,862,766

The above appropriation for Medical Services Administrative Costs (fund 5090, appropriation 78900) shall be transferred to a special revenue account in the treasury for use by the Department of Human Services for administrative purposes. The remainder of all moneys deposited in the fund shall be transferred to the Medical Services Program Fund (fund 5084).

*261 - Department of Human Services –*

*Child Support Enforcement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 48A)

Fund 5094 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 27,809,509
Unclassified .....	09900	380,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>12,810,491</u>
Total.....		\$ 41,000,000

*262 - Department of Human Services –*

*Ryan Brown Addiction Prevention and Recovery Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 5111 FY 2026 Org 0511

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 10,667,392
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*263 - Department of Human Services –*

*Medical Services Trust Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9)

Fund 5185 FY 2026 Org 0511

Medical Services.....	18900	\$ 67,000,000
Medical Services Administrative Costs.....	78900	<u>738,149</u>
Total.....		\$ 67,738,149

The above appropriation to Medical Services shall be used to provide state match of Medicaid expenditures as defined and authorized in subsection (c) of W.V. Code §9-4A-2a. Expenditures from the fund are limited to the following: payment of backlogged billings, funding for services to future federally mandated population groups and payment of the required state match for Medicaid disproportionate share payments. The remainder of all moneys deposited in the fund shall be transferred to the Department of Human Services accounts.

*264 - Department of Human Services –*

*James "Tiger" Morton Catastrophic Illness Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5454 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	136,984
Unclassified .....	09900		4,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>396,000</u>
Total .....		\$	536,984

*265 - Department of Human Services –*

*Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 48)

Fund 5455 FY 2026 Org 0511

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	900,000
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*266 - Department of Human Services –*

*West Virginia Works Separate State College Program Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9)

Fund 5467 FY 2026 Org 0511

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	500,000
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*267 - Department of Human Services –*

*West Virginia Works Separate State Two-Parent Program Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9)

Fund 5468 FY 2026 Org 0511

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	1,500,000
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268 - Department of Human Services –

Marriage Education Fund

(W.V. Code Chapter 9)

Fund 5490 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	10,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>25,000</u>
Total .....		\$	35,000

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FACILITIES**

269 - Department of Health Facilities –

Hospital Services Revenue Account

Special Fund

Capital Improvement, Renovation and Operations

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5156 FY 2026 Org 0512

Institutional Facilities Operations.....	33500	\$	59,195,646
Medical Services Trust Fund – Transfer.....	51200		<u>27,800,000</u>
Total .....		\$	86,995,646

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the Hospital Services Revenue Account Special Fund created by W.V. Code §16-1-13, and shall be used for operating expenses and for improvements in connection with existing facilities.

Additional funds have been appropriated from General Revenue for the operation of the institutional facilities.

Necessary funds from the above appropriation for Institutional Facilities Operations may be used for medical facilities operations, either in connection with this fund or in connection with the appropriations designated for Hopemont Hospital, Lakin Hospital, John Manchin Senior Health Care Center, Jackie Withrow Hospital, Welch Community Hospital, William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital, Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital, and William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital – Transitional Living Facility.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

270 - Department of Homeland Security –

*Office of the Secretary –  
Law-Enforcement, Safety and Emergency Worker  
Funeral Expense Payment Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 15)  
Fund 6003 FY 2026 Org 0601*

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	32,000
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*271 - Division of Emergency Management –  
Statewide Interoperable Radio Network Account  
(W.V. Code Chapter 15)  
Fund 6208 FY 2026 Org 0606*

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	80,000
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*272 - Division of Emergency Management –  
West Virginia Interoperable Radio Project  
(W.V. Code Chapter 24)  
Fund 6295 FY 2026 Org 0606*

Repairs and Alterations .....	06400	\$	950,000
Equipment .....	07000		550,000
Unclassified .....	09900		20,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>3,980,000</u>
Total .....		\$	5,500,000

*273 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –  
Parolee Supervision Fees  
(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)  
Fund 6362 FY 2026 Org 0608*

Personal Services and Employee Benefits .....	00100	\$	1,247,729
Equipment .....	07000		30,000

Unclassified .....	09900	9,804
Current Expenses .....	13000	758,480
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>40,129</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,086,142

*274 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –*

*Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 6675 FY 2026 Org 0608

Debt Service .....	04000	100,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000,000
Equipment.....	07000	100,000
Unclassified .....	09900	100,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	245,472
Buildings .....	25800	<u>15,000,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 16,545,472

*275 - West Virginia State Police –*

*Motor Vehicle Inspection Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17C)

Fund 6501 FY 2026 Org 0612

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,092,049
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	204,500
Equipment.....	07000	3,770,751
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,488,211
Buildings .....	25800	534,000
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>5,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 8,094,511

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees collected for inspection stickers as provided by law.

*276 - West Virginia State Police –*

*Forensic Laboratory Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6511 FY 2026 Org 0612

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,637,078
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Equipment.....	07000		545,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>90,000</u>
Total .....		\$	2,277,078

*277 - West Virginia State Police –*

*Drunk Driving Prevention Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6513 FY 2026 Org 0612

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	2,827,000
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The total amount of this appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of receipts collected pursuant to W.V. Code §11-15-9a and 16 and paid into a revolving fund account in the State Treasury.

*278 - West Virginia State Police –*

*Surplus Real Property Proceeds Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6516 FY 2026 Org 0612

Buildings .....	25800	\$	1,022,778
Land .....	73000		<u>1,000</u>
Total .....		\$	1,023,778

*279 - West Virginia State Police –*

*Surplus Transfer Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6519 FY 2026 Org 0612

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	20,000
Equipment.....	07000		250,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		225,000
Buildings .....	25800		40,000
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>45,000</u>
Total.....		\$	580,000

*280 - West Virginia State Police –**Central Abuse Registry Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6527 FY 2026 Org 0612

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	289,971
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		500
Equipment.....	07000		300,500
Current Expenses .....	13000		376,443
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>300,500</u>
Total.....		\$	1,267,914

*281 - West Virginia State Police –**Bail Bond Enforcer Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6532 FY 2026 Org 0612

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	8,300
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*282 - West Virginia State Police –**State Police Academy Post Exchange*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6544 FY 2026 Org 0612

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	40,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>160,000</u>
Total .....		\$	200,000

*283 - Fire Commission –**Fire Marshal Fees*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 6152 FY 2026 Org 0619

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	4,093,612
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		58,500
Equipment.....	07000		440,800
Unclassified .....	09900		3,800
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,746,550
Other Assets .....	69000		450,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>65,000</u>
Total .....		\$	6,858,262

*284 - Division of Administrative Services –**W.V. Community Corrections Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 62)

Fund 6386 FY 2026 Org 0623

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	176,985
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,000
Unclassified .....	09900		750
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>1,846,250</u>
Total .....		\$	2,024,985

*285 - Division of Administrative Services –*

*Court Security Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 51)

Fund 6804 FY 2026 Org 0623

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	26,462
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>1,478,135</u>
Total .....		\$	1,504,597

*286 - Division of Administrative Services –**Second Chance Driver's License Program Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17B)

Fund 6810 FY 2026 Org 0623

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	125,000
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**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE***287 - Division of Financial Institutions*

(W.V. Code Chapter 31A)

Fund 3041 FY 2026 Org 0303

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,965,127
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		119,000
Equipment.....	07000		8,500
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>720,475</u>
Total .....		\$	3,813,102

*288 - Office of the Secretary –**State Debt Reduction Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 7007 FY 2026 Org 0701

Retirement Systems – Unfunded Liability.....	77500	\$	20,000,000
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The above appropriation for Retirement Systems – Unfunded Liability (fund 7007, appropriation 77500) shall be transferred to the School Aid Formula Funds Holding Account Fund (fund 2606).

*289 - Home Rule Board Operations*

(W.V. Code Chapter 8)

Fund 7010 FY 2026 Org 0701

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	25,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		120
Equipment.....	07000		200
Unclassified .....	09900		680
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>42,000</u>
Total .....		\$	68,000

*290 - Tax Division –*

*Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity*

*Standard and Fire Prevention Act Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 47)

Fund 7092 FY 2026 Org 0702

Equipment.....	07000	\$	15,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>35,000</u>
Total .....		\$	50,000

*291 - State Budget Office –*

*Public Employees Insurance Reserve Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 11B)

Fund 7400 FY 2026 Org 0703

Public Employees Insurance Reserve Fund – Transfer.....	90300	\$	6,800,000
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The above appropriation for Public Employees Insurance Reserve Fund – Transfer shall be transferred to the Medical Services Trust Fund (fund 5185).

*292 - Insurance Commissioner –*

*Examination Revolving Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 33)

Fund 7150 FY 2026 Org 0704

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	3,000
Equipment.....	07000		81,374
Current Expenses .....	13000		2,139,305
Buildings .....	25800		8,289
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>11,426</u>
Total.....		\$	2,243,394

*293 - Insurance Commissioner –*

*Consumer Advocate*

(W.V. Code Chapter 33)

Fund 7151 FY 2026 Org 0704

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	602,587
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Equipment.....	07000		34,225
Current Expenses .....	13000		202,152
Buildings .....	25800		4,865
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>19,460</u>
Total.....		\$	868,289

*294 - Insurance Commissioner –*

*Insurance Commission Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 33)

Fund 7152 FY 2026 Org 0704

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	20,619,440
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and			

Agency Heads .....	00201	136,500
Repairs and Alterations .....	06400	68,614
Equipment .....	07000	2,688
Current Expenses .....	13000	9,097,758
Buildings .....	25800	25,000
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>50,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 30,000,000

*295 - Insurance Commissioner –  
Insurance Fraud Prevention Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 33)  
Fund 7153 FY 2026 Org 0704*

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 15,000
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*296 - Insurance Commissioner –  
Workers' Compensation Old Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 23)  
Fund 7162 FY 2026 Org 0704*

Employee Benefits .....	01000	\$ 50,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>250,500,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 250,550,000

*297 - Insurance Commissioner –  
Workers' Compensation Uninsured Employers' Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 23)  
Fund 7163 FY 2026 Org 0704*

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 15,000,000
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*298 - Insurance Commissioner –  
Self-Insured Employer Guaranty Risk Pool*

(W.V. Code Chapter 23)

Fund 7164 FY 2026 Org 0704

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	9,000,000
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*299 - Insurance Commissioner –*

*Self-Insured Employer Security Risk Pool*

(W.V. Code Chapter 23)

Fund 7165 FY 2026 Org 0704

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	14,000,000
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*300 - Municipal Bond Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 13)

Fund 7253 FY 2026 Org 0706

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	383,671
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Equipment.....	07000		100
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Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>154,344</u>
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Total .....		\$	538,115
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*301 - Racing Commission –*

*Relief Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7300 FY 2026 Org 0707

Medical Expenses – Total .....	24500	\$	154,000
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The total amount of this appropriation shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of collections of license fees and fines as provided by law.

No expenditures shall be made from this fund except for hospitalization, medical care, and/or funeral expenses for persons contributing to this fund.

*302 - Racing Commission –*

*Administration and Promotion Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7304 FY 2026 Org 0707

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	288,127
Current Expenses .....	13000		85,433
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>5,000</u>
Total .....		\$	378,560

*303 - Racing Commission –**General Administration**(W.V. Code Chapter 19)*Fund 7305 FY 2026 Org 0707

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,523,239
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		59,533
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		497,284
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>40,000</u>
Total .....		\$	3,125,056

*304 - Racing Commission –**Administration, Promotion, Education, Capital Improvement**and Greyhound Adoption Programs**to include Spaying and Neutering Account**(W.V. Code Chapter 19)*Fund 7307 FY 2026 Org 0707

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	937,171
Current Expenses .....	13000		160,099
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>200,000</u>
Total .....		\$	1,297,270

*305 - Racing Commission –**Advance Deposit Wagering Account*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7309 FY 2026 Org 0707

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	250,000
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*306 - Alcohol Beverage Control Administration –**Wine License Special Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 60)

Fund 7351 FY 2026 Org 0708

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	156,111
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		7,263
Equipment.....	07000		10,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		260,436
Buildings .....	25800		100,000
Transfer Liquor Profits and Taxes .....	42500		30,750
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>2,000,100</u>
Total.....		\$	2,564,660

To the extent permitted by law, four classified exempt positions shall be provided from Personal Services and Employee Benefits appropriation for field auditors.

*307 - Alcohol Beverage Control Administration*

(W.V. Code Chapter 60)

Fund 7352 FY 2026 Org 0708

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	6,239,729
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		122,500
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		91,000
Equipment.....	07000		108,000

Current Expenses .....	13000	2,890,577
Buildings .....	25800	375,100
Purchase of Supplies for Resale .....	41900	104,000,000
Transfer Liquor Profits and Taxes .....	42500	33,400,000
Other Assets .....	69000	125,100
Land .....	73000	<u>100</u>
Total .....		\$ 147,352,106

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of liquor revenues and any other revenues available.

The above appropriations include the salary of the Commissioner and the salaries, expenses, and equipment of administrative offices, warehouses, and inspectors.

The above appropriations include funding for the Tobacco/Alcohol Education Program.

There is hereby appropriated from liquor revenues, in addition to the above appropriations as needed, the necessary amount for the purchase of liquor as provided by law and the remittance of profits and taxes to the General Revenue Fund.

*308 - State Athletic Commission Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 7009 FY 2026 Org 0933

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 29,500
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>28,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 57,500

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

*309 - Division of Motor Vehicles –*

*Dealer Recovery Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17)

Fund 8220 FY 2026 Org 0802

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 189,000
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*310 - Division of Motor Vehicles –*

*Motor Vehicle Fees Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17B)

Fund 8223 FY 2026 Org 0802

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	4,478,448
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		16,000
Equipment.....	07000		75,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		4,337,712
Other Assets .....	69000		10,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>110,000</u>
Total.....		\$	9,027,160

*311 - Division of Highways –**A. James Manchin Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 8319 FY 2026 Org 0803

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	2,900,000
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*312 - WV Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities –**State Rail Authority –**West Virginia Commuter Rail Access Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8402 FY 2026 Org 0810

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	600,000
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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' ASSISTANCE***313 - Veterans' Facilities Support Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 6703 FY 2026 Org 0613

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	01000	\$	99,135
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Current Expenses .....	13000	1,654,234
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>10,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,763,369

*314 - Department of Veterans' Assistance –*

*W.V. Veterans' Home –*

*Special Revenue Operating Fund*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 9A)*

*Fund 6754 FY 2026 Org 0618*

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$ 10,600
Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ <u>321,050</u>
Total .....		\$ 331,650

**BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES**

*315 - Bureau of Senior Services –*

*Community Based Service Fund*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 29)*

*Fund 5409 FY 2026 Org 0508*

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 160,628
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201	33,547
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>10,599,338</u>
Total .....		\$ 10,793,513

The total amount of these appropriations are funded from annual table game license fees to enable the aged and disabled citizens of West Virginia to stay in their homes through the provision of home and community-based services.

**HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION**

*316 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*System –*

*Tuition Fee Capital Improvement Fund*  
*(Capital Improvement and Bond Retirement Fund)*

*Control Account*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18B)

Fund 4903 FY 2026 Org 0442

Debt Service .....	04000	\$	27,411,984
General Capital Expenditures .....	30600		5,000,000
Facilities Planning and Administration.....	38600		479,369
Total.....		\$	32,891,353

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the Special Capital Improvement Fund created in W.V. Code §18B-10-8. Projects are to be paid on a cash basis and made available on July 1.

The above appropriations, except for Debt Service, may be transferred to special revenue funds for capital improvement projects at the institutions.

*317 - Tuition Fee Revenue Bond Construction Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18B)

Fund 4906 FY 2026 Org 0442

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay (fund 4906, appropriation 51100) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The appropriation shall be paid from available unexpended cash balances and interest earnings accruing to the fund. The appropriation shall be expended at the discretion of the Higher Education Policy Commission and the funds may be allocated to any institution within the system.

The total amount of this appropriation shall be paid from the unexpended proceeds of revenue bonds previously issued pursuant to W.V. Code §18-12B-8, which have since been refunded.

*318 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*Military College Advisory Council Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund XXXX FY 2026 Org 0442

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	123,500
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Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>170,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 293,500

*319 - West Virginia University –*

*West Virginia University Health Sciences Center*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18B)

Fund 4179 FY 2026 Org 0463

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 11,795,211
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	425,000
Equipment.....	07000	512,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	4,524,300
Buildings .....	25800	150,000
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>50,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 17,456,511

*320 - Marshall University –*

*School of Medicine*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4271 FY 2026 Org 0471

Marshall Medical School .....	17300	\$ 5,500,000
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*321 - West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4272 FY 2026 Org 0476

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine .....	17200	\$ 4,115,931
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**MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

*322 - Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists –*

*Barbers and Beauticians Special Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapters 16 and 30)

Fund 5425 FY 2026 Org 0505

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	607,945
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>234,969</u>
Total .....		\$	847,914

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of collections made by the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists as provided by law.

*323 - Hospital Finance Authority –**Hospital Finance Authority Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 5475 FY 2026 Org 0509

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	10,000
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		93,339
Unclassified .....	09900		1,501
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>55,268</u>
Total .....		\$	160,108

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees and collections as provided by Article 29A, Chapter 16 of the W.V. Code.

*324 - State Armory Board –**General Armory Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 6057 FY 2026 Org 0603

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,690,382
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		385,652
Equipment.....	07000		250,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		650,000

Buildings .....	25800	520,820
Other Assets .....	69000	350,000
Land .....	73000	<u>200,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,046,854

From the above appropriations, the Adjutant General may receive and expend funds to conduct operations and activities to include functions of the Military Authority. The Adjutant General may transfer funds between appropriations, except no funds may be transferred to Personal Services and Employee Benefits (fund 6057, appropriation 00100).

*325 - W.V. State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses –*

*Licensed Practical Nurses*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8517 FY 2026 Org 0906

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,002,286
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>253,007</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,255,293

*326 - W.V. Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses –*

*Registered Professional Nurses*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8520 FY 2026 Org 0907

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,502,835
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	3,000
Equipment.....	07000	30,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	451,155
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>4,500</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,991,490

*327 - Public Service Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 24)

Fund 8623 FY 2026 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	14,410,245
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		318,640
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		120,000
Equipment.....	07000		160,000
Unclassified .....	09900		147,643
Current Expenses .....	13000		2,507,202
Buildings .....	25800		10
PSC Weight Enforcement .....	34500		5,199,295
Land .....	73000		10
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>172,216</u>
Total .....		\$	23,035,261

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of collections for special license fees from public service corporations as provided by law.

The Public Service Commission is authorized to transfer up to \$500,000 from this fund to meet the expected deficiencies in the Motor Carrier Division (fund 8625) due to the amendment and reenactment of W.V. Code §24A-3-1 by Enrolled House Bill Number 2715, Regular Session, 1997.

*328 - Public Service Commission –*

*Gas Pipeline Division –*

*Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 24B)

Fund 8624 FY 2026 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	394,133
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		11,949
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		4,000
Unclassified .....	09900		3,851

Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>93,115</u>
Total .....		\$ 507,048

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of receipts collected for or by the Public Service Commission pursuant to and in the exercise of regulatory authority over pipeline companies as provided by law.

*329 - Public Service Commission –*

*Motor Carrier Division*

(W.V. Code Chapter 24A)

Fund 8625 FY 2026 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,536,213
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201	67,711
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	23,000
Equipment.....	07000	50,000
Unclassified .....	09900	29,233
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>577,557</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,283,714

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from a special revenue fund out of receipts collected for or by the Public Service Commission pursuant to and in the exercise of regulatory authority over motor carriers as provided by law.

*330 - Public Service Commission –*

*Consumer Advocate Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 24)

Fund 8627 FY 2026 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,212,911
Equipment.....	07000	9,872
Current Expenses .....	13000	536,472
BRIM Premium.....	91300	<u>4,660</u>

Total ..... \$ 1,763,915

The total amount of these appropriations shall be supported by cash from a special revenue fund out of collections made by the Public Service Commission.

*331 - Real Estate Commission –*

*Real Estate License Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8635 FY 2026 Org 0927

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	665,295
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		2,500
Equipment.....	07000		5,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>293,122</u>
Total .....		\$	965,917

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid out of collections of license fees as provided by law.

*332 - W.V. Board of Examiners for Speech-Language*

*Pathology and Audiology –*

*Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Operating Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8646 FY 2026 Org 0930

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	129,595
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>63,637</u>
Total .....		\$	193,232

*333 - W.V. Board of Respiratory Care –*

*Board of Respiratory Care Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8676 FY 2026 Org 0935

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	125,073
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Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>73,143</u>
Total .....		\$ 198,216

*334 - W.V. Board of Licensed Dietitians –*

*Dietitians Licensure Board Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8680 FY 2026 Org 0936

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 45,219
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>20,250</u>
Total .....		\$ 65,469

*335 - Massage Therapy Licensure Board –*

*Massage Therapist Board Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 8671 FY 2026 Org 0938

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 122,310
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>47,388</u>
Total .....		\$ 169,698

*336 - Board of Medicine –*

*Medical Licensing Board Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 30)

Fund 9070 FY 2026 Org 0945

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,687,578
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	8,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>1,339,814</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,035,392

*337 - West Virginia Enterprise Resource Planning Board –*

*Enterprise Resource Planning System Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 12)

Fund 9080 FY 2026 Org 0947

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	5,690,654
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		300
Equipment.....	07000		502,000
Unclassified .....	09900		132,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		19,214,993
Buildings .....	25800		2,000
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>2,004,500</u>
Total .....		\$	27,546,447

*338 - Board of Treasury Investments –**Board of Treasury Investments Fee Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 12)

Fund 9152 FY 2026 Org 0950

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	982,714
Unclassified .....	09900		14,850
Current Expenses .....	13000		580,889
BRIM Premium.....	91300		31,547
Fees of Custodians, Fund Advisors and Fund Managers .....	93800		<u>5,500,000</u>
Total .....		\$	7,110,000

There is hereby appropriated from this fund, in addition to the above appropriation if needed, an amount of funds necessary for the Board of Treasury Investments to pay the fees and expenses of custodians, fund advisors, and fund managers for the consolidated fund of the State as provided in Article 6C, Chapter 12 of the W.V. Code.

The total amount of these appropriations shall be paid from the special revenue fund out of fees and collections as provided by law.

*339 - Contractor Licensing Board Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 21)

Fund 3187 FY 2026 Org 0951

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,559,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		10,000
Unclassified .....	09900		21,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		500,000
BRIM Premium.....	91300		<u>8,500</u>
Total.....		\$	3,098,500

Total TITLE II, Section 3 – Other Funds

(Including claims against the state)..... \$ 2,315,143.753

**Sec. 4. Appropriations from lottery net profits.**—Net profits of the lottery are to be deposited by the Director of the Lottery to the following accounts in the amounts indicated. The Director of the Lottery shall prorate each deposit of net profits in the proportion the appropriation for each account bears to the total of the appropriations for all accounts.

After first satisfying the requirements for Fund 2252, Fund 3963, and Fund 4908 pursuant to W.V. Code §29-22-18, the Director of the Lottery shall make available from the remaining net profits of the lottery any amounts needed to pay debt service for which an appropriation is made for Fund 9065, Fund 4297, Fund 3390, Fund 3514, Fund 9067, and Fund 9068 and is authorized to transfer any such amounts to Fund 9065, Fund 4297, Fund 3390, Fund 3514, Fund 9067, and Fund 9068 for that purpose. Upon receipt of reimbursement of amounts so transferred, the Director of the Lottery shall deposit the reimbursement amounts to the following accounts as required by this section.

*340 - Education, Arts, Sciences and Tourism –*

*Debt Service Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 2252 FY 2026 Org 0211

	<b>Appro-</b>		<b>Lottery</b>
	<b>priation</b>		<b>Funds</b>
Debt Service – Total .....	31000	\$	10,000,000

*341 - Department of Tourism –*

*Office of the Secretary*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3067 FY 2026 Org 0304

Tourism – Telemarketing Center .....	46300	\$	82,080
Tourism – Advertising (R) .....	61800		2,422,407
Tourism – Operations (R).....	66200		<u>4,612,532</u>
Total .....		\$	7,117,019

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Tourism – Advertising (fund 3067, appropriation 61800) and Tourism – Operations (fund 3067, appropriation 66200) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*342 - Division of Natural Resources*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 3267 FY 2026 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,826,421
Current Expenses .....	13000		26,900
Pricketts Fort State Park .....	32400		106,560
Non-Game Wildlife (R).....	52700		488,588
State Parks and Recreation Advertising (R).....	61900		<u>494,578</u>
Total .....		\$	3,943,047

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Capital Outlay – Parks (fund 3267, appropriation 28800), Non-Game Wildlife (fund 3267, appropriation 52700), and State Parks and Recreation Advertising (fund 3267, appropriation 61900) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*343 - State Board of Education*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 3951 FY 2026 Org 0402

Hope Scholarship Program .....	30401	\$	9,197,431
FBI Checks .....	37200		127,704
Vocational Education Equipment Replacement.....	39300		800,000
Assessment Program (R).....	39600		490,439
Literacy Project .....	89900		700,000

21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Infrastructure

Network Tools and Support (R) .....	93300	<u>12,683,392</u>
Total .....		\$ 23,998,966

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Assessment Program (fund 3951, appropriation 39600) and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Infrastructure Network Tools and Support (fund 3951, appropriation 93300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*344 - State Department of Education –*

*School Building Authority –*

*Debt Service Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 3963 FY 2026 Org 0404

Debt Service – Total .....	31000	\$ 15,234,900
Directed Transfer .....	70000	<u>2,765,100</u>
Total .....		\$ 18,000,000

The School Building Authority shall have the authority to transfer between the above appropriations in accordance with W.V. Code §29-22-18.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 3963, appropriation 70000) may be transferred to the Department of Education – State Board of Education – School Building Authority – School Construction Fund (fund 3952) to be used for school construction and maintenance projects.

*345 - Division of Culture and History –*

*Lottery Education Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 3534 FY 2026 Org 0432

Huntington Symphony.....	02700	\$ 59,000
Preservation West Virginia (R).....	09200	542,000
Fairs and Festivals (R).....	12200	1,347,000
Commission for National and Community Service (R).....	19300	396,000
West Virginia Public Theater .....	31200	120,000

Greenbrier Valley Theater .....	42300	115,000
Theater Arts of West Virginia .....	46400	90,000
Marshall Artists Series .....	51800	36,000
West Virginia State Fair .....	65700	31,000
Contemporary American Theater Festival .....	81100	57,000
Independence Hall .....	81200	27,000
Mountain State Forest Festival .....	86400	38,000
WV Symphony .....	90700	59,000
Wheeling Symphony .....	90800	59,000
Appalachian Children's Chorus .....	91600	54,000
Culture and History Programs .....	XXXXX	<u>190,947</u>
Total .....		\$ 3,220,947

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Preservation West Virginia (fund 3534, appropriation 09200), Fairs and Festivals (fund 3534, appropriation 12200), Commission for National and Community Service (fund 3534, appropriation 19300), Archeological Curation/Capital Improvements (fund 3534, appropriation 24600), Historic Preservation Grants (fund 3534, appropriation 31100), and Grants for Competitive Arts Program (fund 3534, appropriation 62400) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

From the above appropriation for Preservation West Virginia (fund 3534, appropriation 09200) funding shall be provided to the African-American Heritage Family Tree Museum (Fayette) \$2,673, Aracoma Story (Logan) \$20,000, Arts Monongahela (Monongalia) \$11,881, Barbour County Arts and Humanities Council (Barbour) \$891, Buffalo Creek Memorial (Logan) \$2,970, Carnegie Hall (Greenbrier) \$46,899, Ceredo Historical Society (Wayne) \$1,188, Ceredo Kenova Railroad Museum (Wayne) \$1,188, Ceredo Museum (Wayne) \$720, Children's Theatre of Charleston (Kanawha) \$3,500, Chuck Mathena Center (Mercer) \$62,532, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum (Marion) \$4,159, First Stage Children's Theater Company (Cabell) \$1,188, Flannigan Murrell House (Summers) \$3,781, Fort Ashby Fort (Mineral) \$891, Fort New Salem (Harrison) \$2,198, Fort Randolph (Mason) \$2,970, General Adam Stephen Memorial Foundation (Berkeley) \$11,006, Grafton Mother's Day Shrine Committee (Taylor) \$9,029, Hardy County Tour and Crafts Association (Hardy) \$11,881, Heartwood in the Hills (Calhoun) \$5,040, Henderson Hall (Wood) \$20,000, Heritage Farm Museum & Village (Cabell) \$29,703, Historic Fayette Theater (Fayette) \$3,267, Historic Middleway Conservancy (Jefferson) \$594, Jefferson County Black History Preservation Society (Jefferson) \$2,970, Jefferson County Historical Landmark Commission (Jefferson) \$4,753, Maddie Carroll House (Cabell) \$4,455, Marshall County Historical Society (Marshall) \$5,049, McCoy Theater (Hardy) \$11,881, Memorial Day Patriotic Exercise (Taylor) \$20,000, Morgantown Theater Company (Monongalia) \$11,881, Nicholas Old Main Foundation (Nicholas) \$1,188, Norman Dillon Farm Museum (Berkeley)

\$5,941, Oil and Gas Museum (Wood) \$20,000, Old Opera House Theater Company (Jefferson) \$8,911, Parkersburg Arts Center (Wood) \$11,881, Pocahontas Historic Opera House (Pocahontas) \$3,564, Raleigh County All Wars Museum (Raleigh) \$5,941, Roane County 4-H and FFA Youth Livestock Program (Roane) \$2,970, Robinson Grand Theatre (Harrison) \$50,000, Society for the Preservation of McGrew House (Preston) \$2,079, Southern West Virginia Veterans' Museum (Raleigh) \$3,393, Summers County Historic Landmark Commission (Summers) \$2,970, Those Who Served War Museum (Mercer) \$2,376, Three Rivers Avian Center (Summers) \$5,311, Veterans Committee for Civic Improvement of Huntington (Wayne) \$2,970, West Virginia Museum of Glass (Lewis) \$2,970, West Virginia Music Hall of Fame (Kanawha) \$20,792, YLA Camp Horseshoe (Tucker) \$59,406, Youth Museum of Southern West Virginia (Raleigh) \$7,129

From the above appropriation for Fairs and Festivals (fund 3534, appropriation 12200) funding shall be provided to A Princeton 4th (Mercer) \$1,800, African-American Cultural Heritage Festival (Jefferson) \$4,456, Allegheny Echo (Pocahontas) \$6,683, Alpine Festival/Leaf Peepers Festival (Tucker) \$6,683, American Civil War (Grant) \$3,127, American Legion Post 8 Veterans Day Parade (McDowell) \$1,250, Annual Don Redman Heritage Concert & Awards (Jefferson) \$938, Antique Market Fair (Lewis) \$1,188, Apple Butter Festival (Morgan) \$3,564, Armed Forces Day-South Charleston (Kanawha) \$2,000, Arthurdale Heritage New Deal Festival (Preston) \$2,970, Artists of the New (Fayette) \$2,000, Athens Town Fair (Mercer) \$1,188, Augusta Fair (Randolph) \$2,970, Autumn Harvest Fest (Monroe) \$2,448, Back Home Festival (Wetzel) \$5,000, Barbour County Fair (Barbour) \$14,851, Battelle District Fair (Monongalia) \$3,340, Battle of Dry Creek (Greenbrier) \$891, Battle of Point Pleasant Memorial Committee (Mason) \$2,970, Beckley Honey Festival (Raleigh) \$1,710, Beckley Main Street (Raleigh) \$2,000, Belleville Homecoming (Wood) \$11,881, Berkeley County Youth Fair (Berkeley) \$10,990, BEX Arts Festival (Raleigh) \$2,000, Black Heritage Festival (Harrison) \$3,564, Black Walnut Festival (Roane) \$5,940, Blacksville VFD Memorial Day Celebration (Monongalia) \$1,000, Blast from the Past (Upshur) \$1,440, Boone County Labor Day Celebration (Boone) \$2,376, Boone Day (Kanawha) \$1,000, Bradshaw Fall Festival (McDowell) \$1,188, Bramwell Labor Day (Mercer) \$5,000, Brandonville Heritage Day (Preston) \$1,048, Braxton County Fair (Braxton) \$6,832, Braxton County Monster Fest / West Virginia Autumn Festival (Braxton) \$1,000, Brooke County Fair (Brooke) \$2,079, Buckwheat Festival (Preston) \$5,050, Buffalo October Fest (Putnam) \$3,240, Burlington Apple Harvest Auxiliary (Mineral) \$13,821, Burlington Pumpkin Harvest Festival (Raleigh) \$2,970, Burlington Volunteer Fire and Rescue Carnival (Mineral) \$4,000, Burnsville Freedom Festival (Braxton) \$1,407, Calhoun County Wood Festival (Calhoun) \$1,188, Campbell's Creek Community Fair (Kanawha) \$2,000, Cape Coalwood Festival Association (McDowell) \$1,485, Capon Bridge Founders Day Festival (Hampshire) \$500, Capon Springs Ruritan 4th of July (Hampshire) \$2,500, Cedar Grove - Annual Fallfest (Kanawha) \$2,000, Celebration of America (Monongalia) \$3,564, Chapmanville Apple Butter Festival (Logan) \$684, Chapmanville Fire Department 4th of July (Logan) \$1,782, Charles Town Christmas Festival (Jefferson) \$2,970, Charles Town Heritage Festival (Jefferson) \$2,970, Cherry River Festival (Nicholas) \$3,861, Chester 4th of July Festivities (Hancock) \$2,970, Chilifest West Virginia State Chili Championship (Cabell) \$1,563, Chillin' on the Elk (Kanawha) \$1,000, Christmas In Our Town (Marion) \$3,127, Christmas In Our Town (Wetzel) \$2,000, Christmas in Shepherdstown (Jefferson) \$2,376, Christmas in the Park (Brooke) \$2,970, Christmas in the Park (Logan) \$14,851, Christmas on Main Street (Hancock) \$11,881, City of Dunbar Critter Dinner (Kanawha) \$6,000, Clay County Golden Delicious Apple Festival (Clay) \$4,158, Clay District Fair (Monongalia) \$3,341, Coal Field Jamboree (Logan) \$20,792, Coalton Days Fair (Randolph) \$4,158, Country Roads Festival (Wetzel) \$2,000, Covered Bridge Festival (Marion) \$3,000, Craigsville Fall Festival (Nicholas) \$2,079, Cruise into Princeton (Mercer) \$2,160, Culturefest World Music & Arts Festival (Mercer) \$3,200, Day in the Valley - McCutcheon Car Show (Marion)

\$3,000, Delbarton Homecoming (Mingo) \$2,079, Dirt Days (Mingo) \$2,000, East Bank End of Summer Celebration (Kanawha) \$2,000, Elbert/Filbert Reunion Festival (McDowell) \$891, Fairview 4th of July Celebration (Marion) \$684, Farmer's Day Festival (Monroe) \$2,330, Fenwick Mountain Old Time Community Festival (Nicholas) \$2,880, FestivALL Charleston (Kanawha) \$12,000, Fly in Festival (Cabell) \$5,000, Follansbee Community Days (Brooke) \$4,900, Fort Gay Mountain Heritage Days (Wayne) \$2,970, Fort Henry Days (Ohio) \$3,148, Fort Henry Living History (Ohio) \$1,563, Fort New Salem Spirit of Christmas Festival (Harrison) \$2,432, Frankford Autumnfest (Greenbrier) \$2,970, Franklin Fishing Derby (Pendleton) \$10,709, Freedom Festival (Wood) \$8,000, Freshwater Folk Festival (Greenbrier) \$2,970, Friends Auxiliary of W.R. Sharpe Hospital (Lewis) \$2,970, Fund for the Arts-Wine & All that Jazz Festival (Kanawha) \$8,000, Gassaway Days Celebration (Braxton) \$2,970, Gilmer County Farm Show (Gilmer) \$2,376, Great Greenbrier River Race (Pocahontas) \$5,940, Guyandotte Civil War Days (Cabell) \$5,941, Hamlin 4th of July Celebration (Lincoln) \$2,970, Hampshire Civil War Celebration Days (Hampshire) \$684, Hampshire County 4th of July Celebration (Hampshire) \$11,881, Hampshire County Fair (Hampshire) \$5,002, Hampshire County Festival (Hampshire) \$2,752, Hardy County Commission - 4th of July (Hardy) \$5,940, Harvest Moon Festival (Wood) \$2,000, Hatfield McCoy Matewan Reunion Festival (Mingo) \$12,330, Hatfield McCoy Reunion Festival (Logan) \$2,000, Hatfield McCoy Trail National ATV and Dirt Bike Weekend (Wyoming) \$2,970, Head For the Hills Festival (Ritchie) \$3,000, Head of the Dragon (McDowell) \$1,500, Heritage Craft Festival (Monroe) \$3,000, Hilltop Festival (Cabell) \$1,500, Hinton Railroad Days (Summers) \$4,347, Holly River Festival (Webster) \$891, Hometown Mountain Heritage Festival (Fayette) \$2,432, Hometown Trail Days (McDowell) \$1,188, Hundred 4th of July (Wetzel) \$6,207, Huntersville Traditions Day (Pocahontas) \$4,000, laeger Town Fair (McDowell) \$891, Irish Heritage Festival of West Virginia (Raleigh) \$2,970, Irish Spring Festival (Lewis) \$684, Italian Heritage Festival-Clarksburg (Harrison) \$17,821, Jackson County Fair (Jackson) \$2,970, Jefferson County Fair Association (Jefferson) \$14,851, Jersey Mountain Ruritan Pioneer Days (Hampshire) \$684, John Henry Days Festival (Monroe) \$4,698, Johnnie Johnson Blues and Jazz Festival (Marion) \$2,970, Johnstown Community Fair (Harrison) \$1,485, Junior Heifer Preview Show (Lewis) \$1,188, Keg and Barrel Fest (Mineral) \$2,000, Kenova Autumn Festival (Wayne) \$4,377, Kermit Fall Festival (Mingo) \$1,782, King Coal Festival (Mingo) \$2,970, Kingwood Downtown Street Fair and Heritage Days (Preston) \$1,188, Knights of Columbus Irish Road Bowling (Marshall) \$3,000, L.Z. Rainelle West Virginia Veterans Reunion (Greenbrier) \$2,970, Larry Joe Harless Center Octoberfest Hatfield McCoy Trail (Mingo) \$5,940, Larry Joe Harless Community Center Spring Middle School Event (Mingo) \$3,000, Last Blast of Summer (McDowell) \$2,970, Lewisburg Shanghai (Greenbrier) \$1,188, Lincoln County Fall Festival (Lincoln) \$4,752, Lincoln County Winterfest (Lincoln) \$3,000, Lindsie 4th of July Parade (Monroe) \$1,000, Lindsie Veterans' Day Parade (Monroe) \$720, Little Levels Heritage Festival (Pocahontas) \$1,188, Lost Creek Community Festival (Harrison) \$4,158, Main Street Arts Festival (Upshur) \$3,127, Main Street Martinsburg Chocolate Fest and Book Fair (Berkeley) \$2,813, Main Street Martinsburg Food Truck Fest (Berkeley) \$4,700, Malden Salt Fest (Kanawha) \$3,000, Mannington District Fair (Marion) \$3,564, Marmet Labor Day Celebration (Kanawha) \$3,500, Marshall County Antique Power Show (Marshall) \$1,485, Marshall County Fair (Marshall) \$3,564, Martinsburg Roundhouse Railfest (Berkeley) \$2,000, Mason County Fair (Mason) \$2,970, Matewan Massacre Reenactment (Mingo) \$5,004, Matewan-Magnolia Fair (Mingo) \$15,932, McGrew House History Day (Preston) \$1,188, Meadow Bridge Hometown Festival (Fayette) \$1,000, Meadow River Days Festival (Greenbrier) \$1,782, Mercer County Fair (Mercer) \$1,188, Mercer County Heritage Festival (Mercer) \$3,474, Milton Christmas in the Park (Cabell) \$1,485, Milton Old Timey Days (Cabell) \$1,485, Mineral County Veterans Day Parade (Mineral) \$891, Molasses Festival (Calhoun) \$1,188, Monongalia County Fair (Monongalia) \$7,250, Moon Over Mountwood Fishing Festival (Wood) \$1,782, Morgan County Fair-History Wagon (Morgan) \$891, Moundsville Bass Festival (Marshall)

\$2,376, Moundsville July 4th Celebration (Marshall) \$2,970, Mount Liberty Fall Festival (Barbour) \$1,485, Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival (Jefferson) \$2,970, Mountain Music Festival (McDowell) \$1,485, Mountain Roots Community Theater (Kanawha) \$5,000, Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival (Berkeley) \$4,456, Mountain State Arts & Crafts Fair Cedar Lakes (Jackson) \$26,732, Mountaineer Boys' State (Lewis) (Lewis) \$5,000, Mullens Dogwood Festival (Wyoming) \$4,158, Multi-Cultural Festival of West Virginia (Kanawha) \$12,000, New Cumberland 4th of July (Hancock) \$2,970, New Cumberland Christmas Parade (Hancock) \$1,782, New Martinsville Regatta (Wetzel) \$9,000, New Martinsville Vintage Regatta (Wetzel) \$5,000, New River Bridge Day Festival (Fayette) \$23,762, Nicholas County Potato Festival (Nicholas) \$5,000, Oak Leaf Festival (Fayette) \$6,253, Oceana Heritage Festival (Wyoming) \$4,000, Oglebay City Park - Festival of Lights (Ohio) \$47,524, Oglebay Festival (Ohio) \$5,940, Ohio County Country Fair (Ohio) \$5,346, Old Brick Playhouse (Randolph) \$7,000, Old Central City Fair (Cabell) \$2,970, Old Tyme Christmas (Jefferson) \$1,425, Osage Street Fair (Monongalia) \$2,188, Parkersburg Homecoming (Wood) \$8,754, Paw Paw District Fair (Marion) \$2,079, Pax Reunion Committee (Fayette) \$2,970, Pendleton County 4-H Weekend (Pendleton) \$1,188, Petersburg 4th of July Celebration (Grant) \$11,881, Piedmont-Annual Back Street Festival (Mineral) \$2,376, Pinch Reunion (Kanawha) \$5,000, Pine Bluff Fall Festival (Harrison) \$2,376, Pine Grove 4th of July Festival (Wetzel) \$6,058, Pleasants County Agriculture Youth Fair (Pleasants) \$2,970, Pocahontas County Pioneer Days (Pocahontas) \$4,159, Pratt Fall Festival (Kanawha) \$2,500, Princeton Autumnfest (Mercer) \$1,563, Princeton Street Fair (Mercer) \$2,970, Putnam County Fair (Putnam) \$2,970, Quartets on Parade (Hardy) \$2,376, Rainelle Fall Festival (Greenbrier) \$3,127, Rand Community Center Festival (Kanawha) \$2,500, Randolph County Community Arts Council (Randolph) \$1,782, Randolph County Fair (Randolph) \$4,158, Randolph County Ramps and Rails (Randolph) \$2,188, Ranson Christmas Festival (Jefferson) \$2,970, Ranson Festival (Jefferson) \$2,970, Renick Liberty Festival (Greenbrier) \$684, Rhododendron Girl's State (Ohio) (Ohio) \$5,941, Ripley 4th of July (Jackson) \$8,910, Ritchie County Pioneer Days (Ritchie) \$684, River City Festival (Preston) \$684, Rivesville Christmas Festival (Marion) \$2,000, Rivesville Riverfront Festival (Marion) \$2,000, Roane County Agriculture Field Day (Roane) \$1,782, Rock the Park (Kanawha) \$1,500, Rockin New Years Eve (Grant) \$2,000, Rowlesburg Labor Day Festival (Preston) \$684, Ruby Summer Concert Series (Monongalia) \$2,000, Ruddle Park Jamboree (Pendleton) \$2,000, Rupert Country Fling (Greenbrier) \$1,876, Saint Spyridon Greek Festival (Harrison) \$1,485, Salem Apple Butter Festival (Harrison) \$2,376, Shiloh Days (Tyler) (Tyler) \$2,000, Sissonville Christmas Festival (Kanawha) \$2,000, Sistersville 4th of July (Tyler) \$4,776, Skirmish on the River (Mingo) \$1,250, Smoke on the Water (Wetzel) \$1,782, South Charleston Summerfest (Kanawha) \$7,500, Southern Wayne County Fall Festival (Wayne) \$684, Spirit of Grafton Celebration (Taylor) \$6,240, Spring Mountain Festival (Grant) \$2,500, St. Albans City of Lights - December (Kanawha) \$3,000, St. Albans Train Fest (Kanawha) \$6,000, Sternwheel Festival (Wood) \$1,782, STOCO Festival (Raleigh) \$1,485, Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts & Crafts Jubilee (Lewis) \$6,534, Stonewall Jackson's Roundhouse Raid (Berkeley) \$7,200, Strawberry Festival (Upshur) \$17,821, Sylvester Big Coal River Festival (Boone) \$1,944, Tacy Fair (Barbour) \$684, Taste of Parkersburg (Wood) \$2,970, Taylor County Fair (Taylor) \$3,567, Three Rivers Coal Festival (Marion) \$4,604, Thunder on the Tygart - Mothers' Day Celebration (Taylor) \$7,300, Town of Delbarton 4th of July Celebration (Mingo) \$1,782, Town of Fayetteville Heritage Festival (Fayette) \$4,456, Town of Rivesville 4th of July Festival (Marion) \$3,127, Town of Winfield - Putnam County Homecoming (Putnam) \$3,240, Treasure Mountain Festival (Pendleton) \$25,000, Tri-County Fair (Grant) \$22,548, Tucker County Arts Festival and Celebration (Tucker) \$10,692, Tucker County Fair (Tucker) \$2,821, Turkey Festival (Hardy) \$1,782, Tyler County Fireworks Celebration (Tyler) \$3,000, Upper Kanawha Valley Oktoberfest (Kanawha) \$2,000, Upper Ohio Valley Italian Festival (Ohio) \$7,128, Valley District Fair (Preston) \$2,079, Veterans Welcome Home Celebration (Cabell) \$938, Vietnam Veterans of America # 949 Christmas Party

(Cabell) \$684, Volcano Days at Mountwood Park (Wood) \$2,970, War Homecoming Fall Festival (McDowell) \$891, Wardensville Fall Festival (Hardy) \$2,970, Wayne County Fair (Wayne) \$2,970, Wayne County Fall Festival (Wayne) \$2,970, Webster County Fair (Webster) \$3,600, Webster County Wood Chopping Festival (Webster) \$8,910, Webster Wild Water Weekend (Webster) \$1,188, Welcome Home Family Day (Wayne) \$1,900, Wellsburg Apple Festival of Brooke County (Brooke) \$2,970, West Virginia Chestnut Festival (Preston) \$684, West Virginia Coal Festival (Boone) \$5,940, West Virginia Dairy Cattle Show (Lewis) \$15,000, West Virginia Dandelion Festival (Greenbrier) \$2,970, West Virginia Day at the Railroad Museum (Mercer) \$1,800, West Virginia Fair and Exposition (Wood) \$4,812, West Virginia Freedom Festival (Logan) \$4,456, West Virginia Oil and Gas Festival (Tyler) \$7,500, West Virginia Peach Festival (Mineral) \$5,166, West Virginia Pumpkin Festival (Cabell) \$5,940, West Virginia Rivers and Rails Festival (Pleasants) \$1,099, West Virginia State Folk Festival (Gilmer) \$2,970, West Virginia Water Festival (Summers) \$9,144, Wetzel County Autumnfest (Wetzel) \$3,267, Wetzel County Town and Country Days (Wetzel) \$10,098, Wheeling City of Lights (Ohio) \$4,752, Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta (Ohio) \$11,881, Whipple Community Action (Fayette) \$1,485, Whitehall Community Event (Marion) \$2,000, Winfield Watersports Weekend (Putnam) \$3,240, Wirt County Fair (Wirt) \$1,485, Wirt County Pioneer Days (Wirt) \$1,188, Youth Stockman Beef Expo (Lewis) \$1,188

Any Fairs and Festivals awards shall be funded in addition to, and not in lieu of, individual grant allocations derived from the Arts Council and Cultural Grant Program allocations.

*346 - Division of Culture and History –*

*Library Commission –*

*Lottery Education Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 10)

Fund 3559 FY 2026 Org 0432

Books and Films .....	17900	\$	360,784
Services to Libraries.....	18000		550,000
Grants to Public Libraries .....	18200		9,439,571
Digital Resources .....	30900		219,992
Infomine Network (R) .....	88400		<u>944,715</u>
Total .....		\$	11,515,062

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation for Infomine Network (fund 3559, appropriation 88400) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*347 - Educational Broadcasting Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 10)

Fund 3587 FY 2026 Org 0439

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 3587, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*348 - Higher Education Policy Commission –**Lottery Education –**Higher Education Policy Commission –**Control Account*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18B and 18C)

Fund 4925 FY 2026 Org 0441

RHI Program and Site Support (R).....	03600	\$	1,924,101
RHI Program and Site Support –			
RHEP Program Administration .....	03700		146,653
RHI Program and Site Support – Grad Med			
Ed and Fiscal Oversight (R).....	03800		90,206
State Doctoral Fellowship (R).....	16600		129,604
Health Sciences Scholarship (R).....	17600		226,260
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences –			
Rural Health Residency Program (R) .....	60100		62,725
WV Engineering, Science, and			
Technology Scholarship Program.....	86800		<u>452,831</u>
Total .....		\$	3,032,380

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for RHI Program and Site Support (fund 4925, appropriation 03600), RHI Program and Site Support – Grad Med Ed and Fiscal Oversight (fund 4925, appropriation 03800), State Doctoral Fellowship (fund 4925, appropriation 16600), Health Sciences Scholarship (fund 4925, appropriation 17600), and Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences – Rural Health Residency Program (fund 4925, appropriation 60100) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The above appropriation for WV Engineering, Science, and Technology Scholarship Program (fund 4925, appropriation 86800) shall be transferred to the West Virginia Engineering, Science, and Technology Scholarship Fund (fund 4928) established by W.V. Code §18C-6-1.

*349 - Community and Technical College –*

*Capital Improvement Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4908 FY 2026 Org 0442

Debt Service – Total .....	31000	\$	5,000,000
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Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Improvements – Total (fund 4908, appropriation 84700) and Capital Improvements – Total (fund 4908, appropriation 95800) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

The total amount of this appropriation shall be paid from the sale of the Series 2017 Community and Technical Colleges Capital Improvement Refunding Revenue Bonds and anticipated interest earnings.

*350 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*Lottery Education –*

*West Virginia University – School of Medicine*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4185 FY 2026 Org 0463

WVU Health Sciences –

RHI Program and Site Support (R) .....	03500	\$	1,257,402
MA Public Health Program and			
Health Science Technology (R).....	62300		53,020
Health Sciences Career Opportunities Program (R).....	86900		339,155
HSTA Program (R).....	87000		1,919,907
Center for Excellence in Disabilities (R) .....	96700		<u>330,867</u>
Total.....		\$	3,900,351

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for WVU Health Sciences – RHI Program and Site Support (fund 4185, appropriation 03500), MA Public Health Program and Health Science Technology (fund 4185, appropriation 62300), Health Sciences Career

Opportunities Program (fund 4185, appropriation 86900), HSTA Program (fund 4185, appropriation 87000), and Center for Excellence in Disabilities (fund 4185, appropriation 96700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*351 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*Lottery Education –*

*Marshall University – School of Medicine*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18B)

Fund 4896 FY 2026 Org 0471

Marshall Medical School –

RHI Program and Site Support (R) .....	03300	\$	457,532
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Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences –

Rural Health Residency Program (R) .....	60100		<u>181,171</u>
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Total .....		\$	638,703
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Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Marshall Medical School – RHI Program and Site Support (fund 4896, appropriation 03300) and Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences – Rural Health Residency Program (fund 4896, appropriation 60100) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*352 - Bureau of Senior Services –*

*Lottery Senior Citizens Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 5405 FY 2026 Org 0508

Personal Services and Employee Benefits .....	00100	\$	163,530
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Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and

Agency Heads .....	00201		86,002
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Repairs and Alterations .....	06400		1,000
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Current Expenses .....	13000		332,284
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Local Programs Service Delivery Costs .....	20000		2,435,250
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Silver Haired Legislature .....	20200		18,500
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Transfer to Division of Human Services for Health Care		
and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens .....	53900	27,986,092
Roger Tompkins Alzheimers Respite Care.....	64300	2,310,673
WV Alzheimers Hotline .....	72400	45,000
Regional Aged and Disabled Resource Center .....	76700	425,000
Senior Services Medicaid Transfer.....	87100	16,400,070
Legislative Initiatives for the Elderly .....	90400	9,671,239
Long Term Care Ombudsmen.....	90500	297,226
BRIM Premium.....	91300	7,718
In-Home Services and Nutrition for Senior Citizens (R).....	91700	<u>6,845,941</u>
Total .....		\$ 67,025,525

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriation for Senior Citizen Centers and Programs (fund 5405, appropriation 46200) and In-Home Services and Nutrition for Senior Citizens (fund 5405, appropriation 91700) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

Included in the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 5405, appropriation 13000), is funding to support an in-home direct care workforce registry.

The above appropriation for Transfer to the Department of Human Services for Health Care and Title XIX Waiver for Senior Citizens (fund 5405, appropriation 53900) along with the federal moneys generated thereby shall be used for reimbursement for services provided under the program.

Total TITLE II, Section 4 – Lottery Revenue..... \$ 157,392,000

**Sec. 5. Appropriations from state excess lottery revenue fund.**—In accordance with W.V. Code §29-22-18a, §29-22A-10d, §29-22A-10e, §29-22C-27a, and §29-25-22b, the following appropriations shall be deposited and disbursed by the Director of the Lottery to the following accounts in this section in the amounts indicated.

After first funding the appropriations required by W.V. Code §29-22-18a, §29-22A-10d, §29-22A-10e, §29-22C-27a, and §29-25-22b, the Director of the Lottery shall provide funding from the State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund for the remaining appropriations in this section to the extent that funds are available. In the event that revenues to the State Excess Lottery Revenue Fund are sufficient to meet all the appropriations required made pursuant to this section, then the Director of the Lottery shall then provide the funds available for fund 5365, appropriation 18900.

Fund 1046 FY 2026 Org 0100

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Publication of Papers and Transition Expenses – Lottery Surplus (fund 1046, appropriation 06600) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*354 - Office of Technology*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5A)

Fund 2532 FY 2026 Org 0231

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Cyber Security (fund 2532, appropriation 99001), Enterprise Data Center (fund 2532, appropriation 99002), and Enterprise Telephony Modernization (fund 2532, appropriation 99003) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*355 - Division of Economic Development*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 3170 FY 2026 Org 0307

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Recreational Grants or Economic Development Loans (fund 3170, appropriation 25300) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*356 - Division of Natural Resources –*

*State Park Improvement Fund*

Fund 3277 FY 2026 Org 0310

	<b>Appro-</b>		<b>Excess</b>
	<b>priation</b>		<b>Lottery</b>
			<b>Funds</b>
Repairs and Alterations (R).....	06400	\$	161,200
Equipment (R).....	07000		200,000
Current Expenses (R) .....	13000		23,300
Buildings (R) .....	25800		100,000
Other Assets (R).....	69000		<u>1,020,500</u>
Total.....		\$	1,505,000

Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Repairs and Alterations (fund 3277, appropriation 06400), Equipment (fund 3277, appropriation 07000), Unclassified – Total (fund 3277, appropriation 09600), Current Expenses (fund 3277, appropriation 13000), Buildings (fund 3277, appropriation 25800), and Other Assets (fund 3277, appropriation 69000) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*357 - West Virginia Infrastructure Council –*

*West Virginia Infrastructure Transfer Fund*

Fund 3390 FY 2026 Org 0316

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	46,000,000
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The above appropriation shall be allocated pursuant to W.V. Code §29-22-18d and §31-15-9.

*358 - Department of Education –*

*School Building Authority*

Fund 3514 FY 2026 Org 0404

Debt Service - Total .....	31000	\$	16,571,230
Directed Transfer .....	70000		<u>2,428,770</u>
Total .....		\$	19,000,000

The School Building Authority shall have the authority to transfer between the above appropriations in accordance with W.V. Code §29-22-18a.

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer (fund 3514, appropriation 70000) may be transferred to the Department of Education – State Board of Education – School Building Authority – School Construction Fund (fund 3952) to be used for school construction and maintenance projects.

*359 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*Education Improvement Fund*

Fund 4295 FY 2026 Org 0441

PROMISE Scholarship – Transfer .....	80000	\$	29,000,000
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The above appropriation shall be transferred to the PROMISE Scholarship Fund (fund 4296) established by W.V. Code §18C-7-7.

The Legislature has explicitly set a finite amount of available appropriations and directed the administrators of the Program to provide for the award of scholarships within the limits of available appropriations.

*360 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*Higher Education Improvement Fund*

Fund 4297 FY 2026 Org 0441

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	15,000,000
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The above appropriation for Directed Transfer shall be transferred to Higher Education Policy Commission – System – Tuition Fee Capital Improvement Fund (fund 4903) as authorized by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41.

*361 - Higher Education Policy Commission –*

*Administration –*

*Control Account*

Fund 4932 FY 2026 Org 0441

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Advanced Technology Centers (fund 4932, appropriation 02800) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*362 - Department of Human Services*

(W.V. Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 5365 FY 2026 Org 0511

Medical Services.....	18900	\$	80,805,007
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*363 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation –*

*Correctional Units*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 6283 FY 2026 Org 0608

Any unexpended balance remaining in the appropriation for Capital Outlay and Maintenance (fund 6283, appropriation 75500) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*364 - Lottery Commission –*

*General Purpose Account*

Fund 7206 FY 2026 Org 0705

General Revenue Fund – Transfer.....	70011	\$	65,000,000
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The above appropriation shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund as determined by the Director of the Lottery in accordance with W.V. Code §29-22-18a.

*365 - Lottery Commission –*

*Refundable Credit*

Fund 7207 FY 2026 Org 0705

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	10,000,000
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The above appropriation shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund to provide reimbursement for the refundable credit allowable under W.V. Code §11-21-21. The amount of the required transfer shall be determined solely by the State Tax Commissioner and shall be completed by the Director of the Lottery upon the Commissioner's request.

*366 - Lottery Commission –*

*Distributions to Statutory Funds and Purposes*

Fund 7213 FY 2026 Org 0705

Parking Garage Fund – Transfer.....	70001	\$	300,000
2004 Capitol Complex Parking Garage Fund – Transfer .....	70002		116,478
Capitol Dome and Improvements Fund – Transfer.....	70003		1,096,256
Capitol Renovation and Improvement Fund – Transfer .....	70004		2,381,252
Economic Development Promotion and Closing Fund – Transfer .....	70005		1,298,864
Research Challenge Fund – Transfer .....	70006		1,731,820
Tourism Promotion Fund – Transfer.....	70007		4,808,142
Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources Matching Grant Program Fund – Transfer .....	70008		1,500,000
State Debt Reduction Fund – Transfer.....	70010		20,000,000
General Revenue Fund – Transfer.....	70011		1,167,799
West Virginia Racing Commission Racetrack Video Lottery Account .....	70012		3,463,637
Historic Resort Hotel Fund .....	70013		24,010

Licensed Racetrack Regular Purse Fund.....	70014	<u>22,383,247</u>
Total.....		\$ 60,271,505

*367 - Racing Commission*

Fund 7308 FY 2026 Org 0707

Special Breeders Compensation

(W.V. Code §29-22-18a, subsection (I)) .....	21800	\$ 2,000,000
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*368 - Economic Development Authority –*

*Cacapon and Beech Fork State Parks –*

*Lottery Revenue Debt Service*

Fund 9067 FY 2026 Org 0944

Debt Service .....	04000	\$ 2,032,000
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*369 - Economic Development Authority –*

*State Parks Lottery Revenue Debt Service Fund*

Fund 9068 FY 2026 Org 0944

Debt Service .....	04000	\$ 4,395,000
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Total TITLE II, Section 5 – Excess Lottery Funds.....		<u>\$ 335,008,512</u>
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**Sec. 6. Appropriations of federal funds.**—In accordance with Article 11, Chapter 4 of the Code from federal funds there are hereby appropriated conditionally upon the fulfillment of the provisions set forth in Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code the following amounts, as itemized, for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

**LEGISLATIVE**

*370 - Crime Victims Compensation Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 14)

Fund 8738 FY 2026 Org 2300

	<b>Appro-</b>	<b>Federal</b>
	<b>priation</b>	<b>Funds</b>
Economic Loss Claim Payment Fund.....	33400	\$ 650,000

**JUDICIAL**

*371 - Supreme Court*Fund 8867 FY 2026 Org 2400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,175,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		100,000
Equipment.....	07000		250,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		1,275,000
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>200,000</u>
Total.....		\$	4,000,000

**EXECUTIVE***372 - Governor's Office –**Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 4)

Fund 8823 FY 2026 Org 0100

Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	\$	1,000
Equipment.....	07000		1,000
Unclassified .....	09900		500,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		25,497,000
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>1,000</u>
Total.....		\$	26,000,000

*373 - Department of Agriculture*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8736 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,722,216
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		650,000
Equipment.....	07000		910,500
Unclassified .....	09900		50,534

Current Expenses .....	13000	6,841,987
Buildings .....	25800	1,000,000
Other Assets .....	69000	550,000
Land .....	73000	500,000
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>4,721,430</u>
Total .....		\$ 17,946,667

*374 - Department of Agriculture –*

*Meat Inspection Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8737 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 739,966
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	5,500
Equipment.....	07000	114,478
Unclassified .....	09900	8,755
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>136,012</u>
Total .....		\$ 1,004,711

*375 - Department of Agriculture –*

*State Conservation Committee*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8783 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 99,978
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>15,599,974</u>
Total .....		\$ 15,699,952

*376 - Department of Agriculture –*

*Land Protection Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8896 FY 2026 Org 1400

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	46,526
Unclassified .....	09900		5,004
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>448,920</u>
Total .....		\$	500,450

*377 - Attorney General –**Medicaid Fraud Unit**(W.V. Code Chapter 5)*Fund 8882 FY 2026 Org 1500

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,960,197
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		4,313
Equipment.....	07000		7,500
Unclassified .....	09900		15,336
Current Expenses .....	13000		611,287
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>11,336</u>
Total .....		\$	2,609,969

*378 - Secretary of State –**State Election Fund**(W.V. Code Chapter 3)*Fund 8854 FY 2026 Org 1600

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	210,240
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		15,000
Unclassified .....	09900		7,484
Current Expenses .....	13000		415,727
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>100,000</u>
Total .....		\$	748,451

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE***379 - Division of Forestry*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 8703 FY 2026 Org 0305

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	645,226
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		155,795
Equipment.....	07000		1,000,000
Unclassified .....	09900		51,050
Current Expenses .....	13000		3,062,013
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>3,078,847</u>
Total .....		\$	7,992,931

*380 - Geological and Economic Survey*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8704 FY 2026 Org 0306

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	204,432
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		305,000
Equipment.....	07000		187,500
Unclassified .....	09900		2,803
Current Expenses .....	13000		195,639
Buildings .....	25800		500,000
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>15,000</u>
Total .....		\$	1,410,374

*381 - Division of Economic Development*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 8705 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,808,480
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Unclassified .....	09900	50,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	21,304,019
Broadband Federal Funding.....	87101	<u>792,031,764</u>
Total .....		\$ 815,194,263

*382 - Office of Energy*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 8892 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,020,137
Unclassified .....	09900	7,350
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>8,266,076</u>
Total .....		\$ 9,293,563

*383 - Division of Economic Development –**Office of Economic Opportunity*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 8901 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 857,689
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	250
Equipment.....	07000	6,000
Unclassified .....	09900	106,795
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>20,303,081</u>
Total .....		\$ 21,273,815

*384 - Division of Labor*

(W.V. Code Chapters 21 and 47)

Fund 8706 FY 2026 Org 0308

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 460,197
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	500

Unclassified .....	09900	5,572
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>167,098</u>
Total .....		\$ 633,367

*385 - Division of Natural Resources*

(W.V. Code Chapter 20)

Fund 8707 FY 2026 Org 0310

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 11,474,295
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	566,250
Equipment.....	07000	2,126,141
Unclassified .....	09900	107,693
Current Expenses .....	13000	7,887,660
Administration .....	15500	50,325
Buildings .....	25800	951,000
Other Assets .....	69000	4,768,670
Land .....	73000	<u>2,893,920</u>
Total .....		\$ 30,825,954

*386 - Division of Miners' Health, Safety and Training*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 8709 FY 2026 Org 0314

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 708,694
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>150,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 858,694

*387 - WorkForce West Virginia*

(W.V. Code Chapter 23)

Fund 8835 FY 2026 Org 0323

Unclassified .....	09900	\$ 5,127
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Current Expenses .....	13000	667,530
Reed Act 2002 – Unemployment Compensation.....	62200	4,446,737
Reed Act 2002 – Employment Services .....	63000	<u>3,246,737</u>
Total .....		\$ 8,366,131

Pursuant to the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 1103, Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and the provisions of W.V. Code §21A-9-9, the above appropriation to Unclassified and Current Expenses shall be used by WorkForce West Virginia for the specific purpose of administration of the State's unemployment insurance program or job service activities, subject to each and every restriction, limitation or obligation imposed on the use of the funds by those federal and state statutes.

*388 - State Board of Rehabilitation –*

*Division of Rehabilitation Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 8734 FY 2026 Org 0932

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 12,642,892
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201	153,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	350,400
Equipment.....	07000	1,275,870
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>68,440,940</u>
Total.....		\$ 82,863,102

*389 - State Board of Rehabilitation –*

*Division of Rehabilitation Services –*

*Disability Determination Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 8890 FY 2026 Org 0932

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 19,748,690
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,100
Equipment.....	07000	83,350

Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>13,383,206</u>
Total.....		\$ 33,216,346

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM**

*390 - Department of Tourism –*

*Tourism Workforce Development Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

Fund 8903 FY 2026 Org 0304

Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	\$ 2,765,115
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*391 - Division of Culture and History*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8718 FY 2026 Org 0432

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 927,795
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	1,000
Equipment.....	07000	1,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,947,372
Buildings .....	25800	1,000
Other Assets .....	69000	1,000
Land .....	73000	<u>360</u>
Total.....		\$ 2,879,527

*392 - Library Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 10)

Fund 8720 FY 2026 Org 0432

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 387,033
Equipment.....	07000	543,406
Current Expenses .....	13000	1,076,162
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>2,388,880</u>

Total .....		\$	4,395,481
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*393 - Commission for National and Community Service*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5F)

Fund 8841 FY 2026 Org 0432

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	471,153
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		5,587,325
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101		<u>1,960,558</u>
Total.....		\$	8,020,036

*394 - National Coal Heritage Area Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8869 FY 2026 Org 0432

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	201,942
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		5,000
Equipment.....	07000		3,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		328,008
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>2,000</u>
Total.....		\$	539,950

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

*395 - State Board of Education –*

*State Department of Education*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 8712 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	6,146,942
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		10,000
Equipment.....	07000		10,000

Unclassified .....	09900	2,000,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	834,146,008
Other Assets .....	69000	10,000
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>4,990,123</u>
Total .....		\$ 847,313,073

*396 - State Board of Education –*

*School Lunch Program*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 8713 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,010,501
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	20,000
Equipment.....	07000	100,000
Unclassified .....	09900	1,150,500
Current Expenses .....	13000	258,781,265
Other Assets .....	69000	25,000
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>743,436</u>
Total .....		\$ 262,830,702

*397 - State Board of Education –*

*Vocational Division*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 8714 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,032,898
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	10,000
Equipment.....	07000	10,000
Unclassified .....	09900	155,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	20,820,081

Other Assets .....	69000	<u>10,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 23,037,979

*398 - State Board of Education –*

*Aid for Exceptional Children*

(W.V. Code Chapters 18 and 18A)

Fund 8715 FY 2026 Org 0402

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 3,671,135
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	10,000
Equipment.....	07000	10,000
Unclassified .....	09900	1,000,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	139,346,390
Other Assets .....	69000	10,000
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>17,336,635</u>
Total .....		\$ 161,384,160

*399 - WV Professional Charter School Board*

(W.V. Code Chapter 18)

Fund 8828 FY 2026 Org 0405

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 99,805
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	100
Equipment.....	07000	100
Current Expenses .....	13000	4,287,108
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>100</u>
Total .....		\$ 4,387,213

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

*400 - Division of Environmental Protection*

(W.V. Code Chapter 22)

Fund 8708 FY 2026 Org 0313

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 37,148,357
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	739,783
Equipment.....	07000	1,712,238
Unclassified .....	09900	1,923,580
Current Expenses .....	13000	347,447,019
West Virginia Drinking Water Treatment		
Revolving Fund – Transfer .....	68900	80,753,300
Other Assets .....	69000	2,177,261
Land .....	73000	<u>80,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 471,981,538

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

*401 - Department of Health –*

*Central Office*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 8802 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 21,101,605
Equipment.....	07000	456,972
Unclassified .....	09900	856,614
Current Expenses .....	13000	139,553,476
Buildings .....	25800	155,000
Other Assets .....	69000	380,000
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>40,061,935</u>
Total .....		\$ 202,565,602

*402 - Human Rights Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 5)

Fund 8725 FY 2026 Org 0510

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	737,485
Unclassified .....	09900		5,050
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>164,950</u>
Total .....		\$	907,485

*403 - Office of the Inspector General*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16B)

Fund 8211 FY 2026 Org 0513

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,346,638
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		500
Equipment.....	07000		500
Unclassified .....	09900		8,335
Current Expenses .....	13000		943,527
Other Assets .....	69000		<u>500</u>
Total .....		\$	3,300,000

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES***404 - Department of Human Services*

(W.V. Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 8722 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	88,722,032
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201		73,500
Unclassified .....	09900		22,855,833
Current Expenses .....	13000		207,311,984
Medical Services.....	18900		4,151,432,776
Medical Services Administrative Costs.....	78900		170,074,119

CHIP Administrative Costs.....	85601	7,627,469
CHIP Services.....	85602	65,805,357
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>4,000,000</u>
Total.....		\$ 4,717,903,070

*405 - Department of Human Services –*

*Consolidated Medical Service Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 16)

Fund 8723 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 1,485,132
Unclassified .....	09900	73,307
Current Expenses .....	13000	103,197,690
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101	<u>564,772</u>
Total.....		\$ 105,320,901

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

*406 - Division of Emergency Management*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8727 FY 2026 Org 0606

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 2,035,385
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201	61,250
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400	5,000
Equipment.....	07000	100,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>20,429,281</u>
Total.....		\$ 22,630,916

*407 - Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation*

(W.V. Code Chapters 15A)

Fund 8836 FY 2026 Org 0608

Unclassified .....	09900	\$	1,100
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>1,900</u>
Total .....		\$	3,000

*408 - West Virginia State Police*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8741 FY 2026 Org 0612

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,266,412
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		42,000
Equipment.....	07000		13,356,035
Current Expenses .....	13000		2,250,971
Buildings .....	25800		1,740,500
Other Assets .....	69000		1,065,750
Land .....	73000		<u>500</u>
Total .....		\$	21,722,168

*409 - Fire Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)

Fund 8819 FY 2026 Org 0619

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$	80,000
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*410 - Division of Administrative Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8803 FY 2026 Org 0623

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,363,346
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,750
Unclassified .....	09900		25,185
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>75,381,973</u>

Total ..... \$ 76,772,254

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

*411 - Insurance Commissioner*

(W.V. Code Chapter 33)

Fund 8883 FY 2026 Org 0704

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	145,000
Equipment.....	07000		30,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>2,825,000</u>
Total.....		\$	3,000,000

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

*412 - Division of Motor Vehicles*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17B)

Fund 8787 FY 2026 Org 0802

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	900,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		500
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>5,448,106</u>
Total.....		\$	6,348,606

*413 - Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities –*

*Public Transit*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17)

Fund 8745 FY 2026 Org 0810

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,089,934
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		2,500
Equipment.....	07000		3,501,714
Current Expenses .....	13000		20,863,149
Buildings .....	25800		2,450,000

Other Assets .....	69000	<u>250,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 28,157,297

*414 - Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities –*

*Aeronautics Commission*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8831 FY 2026 Org 0810

Current Expenses .....	13000	\$ 199,800
Other Assets .....	69000	<u>100</u>
Total .....		\$ 199,900

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' ASSISTANCE**

*415 - Department of Veterans' Assistance*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 8858 FY 2026 Org 0613

Personal Services and Employee Benefits .....	00100	\$ 3,453,384
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads .....	00201	57,120
Repairs and Alterations .....	06400	20,000
Equipment .....	07000	25,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	3,840,300
Buildings .....	25800	22,750,000
Land .....	73000	500
Veterans' Cemetery .....	80800	175,000
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic .....	89101	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total .....		\$ 32,221,304

*416 - Department of Veterans' Assistance –*

*Veterans' Home*

(W.V. Code Chapter 9A)

Fund 8728 FY 2026 Org 0618

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,062,331
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		60,500
Equipment.....	07000		10,500
Current Expenses .....	13000		618,180
Buildings .....	25800		500
Other Assets .....	69000		6,500
Land .....	73000		100
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101		<u>1,600,000</u>
Total .....		\$	3,358,611

**BUREAU OF SENIOR SERVICES***417 - Bureau of Senior Services*

(W.V. Code Chapter 29)

Fund 8724 FY 2026 Org 0508

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	857,874
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		12,782
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		3,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>13,811,853</u>
Total .....		\$	14,685,509

**MISCELLANEOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS***418 - Adjutant General –**State Militia*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8726 FY 2026 Org 0603

Unclassified .....	09900	\$	982,705
Mountaineer Challenge Academy .....	70900		12,312,486
Martinsburg Starbase.....	74200		890,990
Charleston Starbase .....	74300		857,297
Military Authority .....	74800		<u>90,033,787</u>
Total .....		\$	105,077,265

The Adjutant General shall have the authority to transfer between appropriations.

*419 - Adjutant General –*

*West Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Forfeiture Fund*

(W.V. Code Chapter 15)

Fund 8785 FY 2026 Org 0603

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,350,000
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		50,000
Equipment.....	07000		200,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		150,000
Buildings .....	25800		100,000
Other Assets .....	69000		100,000
Land .....	73000		<u>50,000</u>
Total .....		\$	2,000,000

*420 - Public Service Commission –*

*Motor Carrier Division*

(W.V. Code Chapter 24A)

Fund 8743 FY 2026 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	1,600,289
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		39,000
Equipment.....	07000		1,000

Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>368,953</u>
Total .....		\$ 2,009,242

*421 - Public Service Commission –*

*Gas Pipeline Division*

(W.V. Code Chapter 24B)

Fund 8744 FY 2026 Org 0926

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 725,664
Equipment.....	07000	3,000
Unclassified .....	09900	4,072
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>124,628</u>
Total .....		\$ 857,364

*422 - Economic Development Authority*

(W.V. Code Chapter 31)

Fund 8893 FY 2026 Org 0944

Current Expenses .....	13000	5,000,000
Total TITLE II, Section 6 – Federal Funds.....		<u>\$ 8,224,744,008</u>

**Sec. 7. Appropriations from federal block grants.**—The following items are hereby appropriated from federal block grants to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026.

*423 - Division of Economic Development –*

*Community Development*

Fund 8746 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$ 10,672,367
Unclassified .....	09900	2,375,000
Current Expenses .....	13000	<u>224,476,883</u>
Total .....		\$ 237,524,250

*424 - Division of Economic Development –*

*Office of Economic Opportunity –*

*Community Services*Fund 8902 FY 2026 Org 0307

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	773,389
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,500
Equipment.....	07000		9,000
Unclassified .....	09900		125,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>17,781,811</u>
Total.....		\$	18,690,700

*425 - WorkForce West Virginia –**Workforce Investment Act*Fund 8749 FY 2026 Org 0323

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,036,190
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary and Agency Heads.....	00201		124,018
Repairs and Alterations.....	06400		1,600
Equipment.....	07000		500
Unclassified .....	09900		23,023
Current Expenses .....	13000		63,381,511
Buildings .....	25800		<u>1,100</u>
Total.....		\$	66,567,942

*426 - Department of Health –**Maternal and Child Health*Fund 8750 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	2,509,103
Unclassified .....	09900		81,439
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>7,294,267</u>

Total ..... \$ 9,884,809

*427 - Department of Health –*

*Preventive Health*

Fund 8753 FY 2026 Org 0506

Personal Services and Employee Benefits..... 00100 \$ 283,642

Equipment..... 07000 165,642

Unclassified ..... 09900 22,457

Current Expenses ..... 13000 1,895,366

Total ..... \$ 2,367,107

*428 - Department of Human Services –*

*Energy Assistance*

Fund 8755 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits..... 00100 \$ 2,733,782

Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary

And Agency Heads..... 00201 2,450

Unclassified ..... 09900 350,000

Current Expenses ..... 13000 57,082,035

Total ..... \$ 60,168,267

*429 - Department of Human Services –*

*Social Services*

Fund 8757 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits..... 00100 \$ 9,709,574

Unclassified ..... 09900 171,982

Current Expenses ..... 13000 8,870,508

Total ..... \$ 18,752,064

*430 - Department of Human Services –*

*Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment*Fund 8793 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	736,598
Unclassified .....	09900		115,924
Current Expenses .....	13000		10,853,740
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101		<u>4,225,212</u>
Total .....		\$	15,931,474

*431 - Department of Human Services –**Community Mental Health Services*Fund 8794 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	748,144
Unclassified .....	09900		33,533
Current Expenses .....	13000		9,735,527
Federal Coronavirus Pandemic.....	89101		<u>2,070,960</u>
Total .....		\$	12,588,164

*432 - Department of Human Services –**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families*Fund 8816 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	22,903,080
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary And Agency Head .....	00201		7,350
Unclassified .....	09900		1,250,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>152,504,134</u>
Total .....		\$	176,664,564

*433 - Department of Human Services –**Child Care and Development*

Fund 8817 FY 2026 Org 0511

Personal Services and Employee Benefits.....	00100	\$	3,753,484
Salary and Benefits of Cabinet Secretary			
And Agency Head .....	00201		2,450
Unclassified .....	09900		350,000
Current Expenses .....	13000		<u>107,150,000</u>
Total.....		\$	111,255,934
Total TITLE II, Section 7 – Federal Block Grants .....		\$	<u>730,395,275</u>

**Sec. 8. Awards for claims against the state.**—There are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2026, from the fund as designated, in the amounts as specified, general revenue funds in the amount of \$1,100,000, special revenue funds in the amount of \$250,000, and state road funds in the amount of \$864,750 for payment of claims against the state.

**Sec. 9. Appropriations from general revenue fund surplus accrued.** —The following items are hereby appropriated from the state fund, general revenue, and are to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026 out of surplus funds only, accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.

It is the intent and mandate of the Legislature that the following appropriations be payable only from surplus as of July 31, 2025 from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, only after first meeting requirements of W.Va. Code §11B-2-20(b).

In the event that surplus revenues available on July 31, 2025, are not sufficient to meet the appropriations made pursuant to this section, then the appropriations shall be made to the extent that surplus funds are available as of the date mandated to meet the appropriations in this section and shall be allocated first to provide the necessary funds to meet the first appropriation of this section and each subsequent appropriation in the order listed in this section.

*434 - Division of Highways*

(W.V. Code Chapter 17 and 17C)

Fund 0620 FY 2026 Org 0803

Direct Transfer - Surplus .....	70099	\$	125,000,000
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The above appropriation for Directed Transfer – Surplus (fund 0620, appropriation 70099) shall be transferred to Division of Highways (fund 9017).

*435 - Division of Economic Development –*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)*

Fund 0256 FY 2026 Org 0307

Directed Transfer - Surplus ..... 70099 \$ 75,000,000

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer – Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation 70099) shall be transferred to the Economic Development Project Fund (fund 9069).

*436 - Division of Economic Development –*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)*

Fund 0256 FY 2026 Org 0307

Directed Transfer - Surplus ..... 70099 \$ 10,000,000

The above appropriation for Directed Transfer – Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation 70099) shall be transferred to the Water Development Authority (fund 3382).

*437 - Division of Economic Development –*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 5B)*

Fund 0256 FY 2026 Org 0307

Current Expense - Surplus ..... 13099 \$ 250,000

The above appropriation for Current Expense – Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation 13099) shall be granted to the Cabell County Commission for Lily's Place.

Total TITLE II, Section 9 – General Revenue Surplus Accrued \$ 210,250,000

**Sec. 10. Appropriations from lottery net profits surplus accrued.**—The following items are hereby appropriated from the lottery net profits, and are to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026 out of surplus funds only, as determined by the Director of Lottery, accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.

It is the intent and mandate of the Legislature that the following appropriations be payable only from surplus accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

In the event that surplus revenues available from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are not sufficient to meet the appropriations made pursuant to this section, then the appropriations shall be made to the extent that surplus funds are available.

*438 - Bureau of Senior Services –*

*Lottery Senior Citizens Fund*

*(W.V. Code Chapter 29)*

Fund 5405 FY 2026 Org 0508

Senior Services Medicaid Transfer – Lottery Surplus ..... 68199 \$ 14,750,000

In-Home Services and Nutrition for Senior Citizens – Surplus.	76699	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total .....		16,750,000
Total TITLE II, Section 10 – Surplus Accrued.....		<u>\$ 16,750,000</u>

**Sec. 11. Appropriations from state excess lottery revenue surplus accrued.**—The following items are hereby appropriated from the state excess lottery revenue fund, and are to be available for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026 out of surplus funds only, as determined by the Director of Lottery, accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.

It is the intent and mandate of the Legislature that the following appropriations be payable only from surplus accrued from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

In the event that surplus revenues available from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, are not sufficient to meet the appropriations made pursuant to this section, then the appropriations shall be made to the extent that surplus funds are available.

*439 - Racing Commission –*

*General Administration*

(W.V. Code Chapter 19)

Fund 7308 FY 2026 Org 0707

Directed Transfer – Lottery Surplus.....	70098	\$	800,000
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The above appropriation for Directed Transfer – Lottery Surplus (fund 7308, appropriation 70098), \$800,000 shall be transferred to the Racing Commission – General Administration (fund 7305).

*440 - Department of Human Services*

(W.V. Code Chapters 9, 48, and 49)

Fund 5365 FY 2026 Org 0511

Medical Services – Lottery Surplus .....	68100	\$	20,545,488
Total TITLE II, Section 11 – Surplus Accrued.....		\$	<u>21,345,488</u>

**Sec. 12. Special revenue appropriations.**—There are hereby appropriated for expenditure during the fiscal year 2026 special revenues collected pursuant to general law enactment of the Legislature which are not paid into the state fund as general revenue under the provisions of W.V. Code §12-2-2 and are not expressly appropriated under this act: Provided, That none of the money so appropriated by this section shall be available for expenditure except in compliance with the provisions of W.V. Code §12-2-1 et seq., W.V. Code §12-3-1 et seq., and W.V. Code §11B-2-1 et seq., unless the spending unit has filed with the Director of the Budget and the Legislative Auditor prior to the beginning of each fiscal year:

- (a) An estimate of the amount and sources of all revenues accruing to such fund; and

(b) A detailed expenditure schedule showing for what purposes the fund is to be expended: *Provided, however*, That federal funds received by the state may be expended only in accordance with Sections (6) or (7) of this Title and with W.V. Code §4-11-1, *et seq.* *Provided further*, That federal funds that become available to a spending unit for expenditure while the Legislature is not in session and the availability of such funds could not reasonably have been anticipated and included in this act may be only be expended in the limited circumstances provided by W.V. Code §4-11-5(d): *And provided further*, That no provision of this act may be construed to authorize the expenditure of federal funds except as provided in this section.

During Fiscal Year 2026, the following funds are hereby available and are to be transferred to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Human Services – Medical Services Trust Fund (fund 5185) from available balances per the following:

*441 – Division of General Services –  
Capitol Complex Parking Garage Fund  
(WV Code Chapter 5A)  
Fund 2461 FY 2026 Org 0211*

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	1,000,000
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*442 - Division of Labor –  
Bedding and Upholstery Fund  
(W.V. Code Chapter 47)  
Fund 3198 FY 2026 Org 0308*

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	1,000,000
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*443 - Division of Natural Resources –  
Planning and Development Division  
(W.V. Code Chapter 20)  
Fund 3205 FY 2026 Org 0310*

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	2,000,000
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*444 - Fire Commission –  
Fire Marshal Fees  
(W.V. Code Chapter 15A)  
Fund 6152 FY 2026 Org 0619*

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$	4,000,000
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## 445 - Public Service Commission –

## Motor Carrier Division

(W.V. Code Chapter 24A)

Fund 8625 FY 2026 Org 0926

Directed Transfer .....	70000	\$ 4,000,000
Total TITLE II, Section 12 – Special Revenue Appropriation ...		<u>\$ 12,000,000</u>

**Sec. 13. State improvement fund appropriations.**—Bequests or donations of nonpublic funds, received by the Governor on behalf of the state during the fiscal year 2026, for the purpose of making studies and recommendations relative to improvements of the administration and management of spending units in the executive branch of state government, shall be deposited in the state treasury in a separate account therein designated state improvement fund.

There are hereby appropriated all moneys so deposited during the fiscal year 2026 to be expended as authorized by the Governor, for such studies and recommendations which may encompass any problems of organization, procedures, systems, functions, powers or duties of a state spending unit in the executive branch, or the betterment of the economic, social, educational, health and general welfare of the state or its citizens.

**Sec. 14. Specific funds and collection accounts.**—A fund or collection account which by law is dedicated to a specific use is hereby appropriated in sufficient amount to meet all lawful demands upon the fund or collection account and shall be expended according to the provisions of Article 3, Chapter 12 of the Code.

**Sec. 15. Appropriations for refunding erroneous payment.**—Money that has been erroneously paid into the state treasury is hereby appropriated out of the fund into which it was paid, for refund to the proper person.

When the officer authorized by law to collect money for the state finds that a sum has been erroneously paid, he or she shall issue his or her requisition upon the Auditor for the refunding of the proper amount. The Auditor shall issue his or her warrant to the Treasurer and the Treasurer shall pay the warrant out of the fund into which the amount was originally paid.

**Sec. 16. Sinking fund deficiencies.**—There is hereby appropriated to the Governor a sufficient amount to meet any deficiencies that may arise in the Mortgage Finance Bond Insurance fund of the West Virginia Housing Development Fund which is under the supervision and control of the Municipal Bond Commission as provided by W.V. Code §31-18-20b, or in the funds of the Municipal Bond Commission because of the failure of any state agency for either general obligation or revenue bonds or any local taxing district for general obligation bonds to remit funds necessary for the payment of interest and sinking fund requirements. The Governor is authorized to transfer from time to time such amounts to the Municipal Bond Commission as may be necessary for these purposes.

The Municipal Bond Commission shall reimburse the State of West Virginia through the Governor from the first remittance collected from the West Virginia Housing Development Fund

or from any state agency or local taxing district for which the Governor advanced funds, with interest at the rate carried by the bonds for security or payment of which the advance was made.

**Sec. 17. Appropriations for local governments.**—There are hereby appropriated for payment to counties, districts, and municipal corporations such amounts as will be necessary to pay taxes due counties, districts, and municipal corporations and which have been paid into the treasury:

- (a) For redemption of lands;
- (b) By public service corporations;
- (c) For tax forfeitures.

**Sec. 18. Total appropriations.**—Where only a total sum is appropriated to a spending unit, the total sum shall include personal services and employee benefits, annual increment, current expenses, repairs and alterations, buildings, equipment, other assets, land, and capital outlay, where not otherwise specifically provided and except as otherwise provided in TITLE I – GENERAL PROVISIONS, Sec. 3.

**Sec. 19. General school fund.**—The balance of the proceeds of the general school fund remaining after the payment of the appropriations made by this act is appropriated for expenditure in accordance with W.V. Code §18-9A-16.

### TITLE III – ADMINISTRATION

**Sec. 1. Appropriations conditional.**—The expenditure of the appropriations made by this act, except those appropriations made to the legislative and judicial branches of the state government, are conditioned upon the compliance by the spending unit with the requirements of Article 2, Chapter 11B of the Code.

Where spending units or parts of spending units have been absorbed by or combined with other spending units, it is the intent of this act that appropriations and reappropriations shall be to the succeeding or later spending unit created, unless otherwise indicated.

**Sec. 2. Constitutionality.**—If any part of this act is declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, its decision shall not affect any portion of this act which remains, but the remaining portion shall be in full force and effect as if the portion declared unconstitutional had never been a part of the act.

On motion of Senator Barrett, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2026, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: Willis—1.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2026) passed with its title.

Senator Barrett moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2026) takes effect from passage.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 1**, Requiring utility work and road paving coordination.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page 1, section 8a, line 9, by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(c) (1) Beginning on December 31, 2025 and due annually on or before that date thereafter, each utility shall provide a report that lists all projects planned by the utility, during the next two years including anticipated construction start and stop dates, that require digging or cutting into any paved road to the district office of the Division of Highways in which the paved road is located. The report shall also include identification of any grants that have either been received or applied for that may result in work that affects a paved road. The Division of Highways shall review and consider such reports in conjunction with the division's planning of projects and paving activity.

(2) If the utility does not have plans to improve or replace any road asset under consideration in the next two calendar years, the said utility may submit a "no plans report" and opt out of the yearly report. Failure to comply with these reporting requirements may result in The Division of Highways to withhold issuing a "Right of Way Entry Permit" until the required report is submitted."

And,

On page 2, section 8a(f), line 28, immediately following the second occurrence of the word "right-of-way" by striking the remainder of the subsection and inserting and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"in accordance with the West Virginia Division of Highways Accommodation of Utilities on Highway Right-of-Way and Adjustment and Relocation of Utility Facilities on Highway Projects latest manual."

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 1) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 722**, Creating WV Short Line Railroad Modernization Act.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page 5, section 8, following line 2, by adding "No entitlement to any tax credit authorized by this article may result from, and no credit is available to any person for, expenditures incurred subsequent to July 1, 2030."

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 722, as amended by the House of Delegates, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—31.

The nays were: Tarr—1.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 722) passed with its title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the amendment by that body, passage as amended, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendments, as to

**Eng. Senate Bill 939**, Relating to testing for substance use disorder.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendments to the bill were reported by the Clerk:

On page 1, section 4a, line 1, by striking subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) Upon patient admission to a medication-assisted treatment program, the provider shall conduct a clinically appropriate drug test, which may include direct observation, if the provider determines the patient is at high risk."

And,

On page 1, line 3, by striking, "After this time and continuing for six weeks," and inserting in lieu thereof, "At minimum,"

And,

On page 1, line 3, by striking the word, "quantitative" and inserting in lieu thereof the word, "qualitative"

And,

On page 1, lines 9 and 10 by striking, "the patient must be willing to produce a direct observation qualitative or quantitative test upon the provider request." and inserting in lieu thereof, "the patient shall comply with a physician ordered direct observation qualitative or quantitative test.";

And,

On page 1, section 4a after line 10, by inserting a new subsection (f), to read as follows:

"(f) Each patient admitted to an office-based medication-assisted treatment program shall be offered testing for blood-borne communicable diseases, including HIV and hepatitis C, as part of the initial assessment."

On motion of Senator Martin, the following amendments to the House of Delegates amendments to the bill (Eng. S. B. 939) were reported by the Clerk, considered simultaneously, and adopted:

On page 1, section 4a, line 3, after the word "qualitative," by inserting the words "or quantitative";

And,

On page 1, section 4a, after line 10, by striking out all of subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) Each patient admitted to a medication-assisted treatment program shall be offered the following basic services onsite as part of the initial assessment:

(1) Routine health screenings, including blood pressure and cholesterol screenings;

(2) HIV, hepatitis, and sexually transmitted diseases screenings;

(3) Birth control and voluntary long-acting reversible contraceptives;

(4) Vaccinations;

(5) Basic diagnostic screenings, including a urinalysis;

(6) Treatment of common illnesses and injuries, such as, but not limited to:

(A) Cold;

(B) Flu;

(C) Minor infections; and

(D) Minor strains; and

(7) Overdose prevention supplies and education: *Provided*, That a medication-assisted treatment telehealth provider shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection. *Provided, however*, That patients enrolled with a telehealth provider shall be referred every three months to a primary care provider during a continuous treatment episode.;

And,

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Senate Bill 939**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16B-13-4a, relating to testing and basic services for substance use disorder; and setting forth testing and basic service guidelines for medication-assisted treatment facilities.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the House of Delegates amendments, as amended.

Engrossed Senate Bill 939, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 939) passed with its Senate amended title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 939) takes effect from passage.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate and request concurrence therein.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect July 1, 2025, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2008**, Executive Branch Reorganization .

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2008**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-1-1, §5B-1-2, §5B-2-1, §5B-2-2, §5B-2-3, §5B-2-3b, §5B-2-4, §5B-2-4a, §5B-2-5, §5B-2-6, §5B-2-6a, §5B-2-9a, §5B-2-10, §5B-2-14, §5B-2-16, §5B-2-17, §5B-2-18, §5B-2-19, §5B-2-20, §5F-1-2, §5F-2-1, §29-1-8d, §31G-1A-1, §31G-1A-5, §31G-1A-6, and §31G-1A-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §5F-1-3a and §5F-1-6, relating to merging and reorganizing of the executive branch; reconstituting Department of Economic Development as the Division of

Economic Development and placing it within Department of Commerce; specifying that starting on July 1, 2025, new hires and anyone who moves positions within Department of Commerce shall be in classified exempt service system and shall be exempt from the state grievance procedures; redesignating Department of Economic Development as Division of Economic Development under Department of Commerce; correcting titles of Division of Economic Development and Department of Commerce in several sections of code; specifying that starting on July 1, 2025, new hires and anyone who moves positions within Division of Economic Development shall be in classified exempt service system and shall be exempt from state grievance procedures; providing certain exemptions; providing that Secretary of Department of Commerce may designate certain employees' status within the civil service system in order to comply with federal law or receive federal funds; clarifying the continued applicability of certain other employee protections found elsewhere in code; changing code provisions to reflect certain actions regarding Department of Arts, Culture and History and Department of Tourism; correcting titles of affected departments, divisions, and positions throughout based on redesignations; and technical cleanup of amended and reenacted sections.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2008, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Oliverio, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—24.

The nays were: Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Morris, Phillips, Stuart, Tarr, and Weld—8.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2008) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—30.

The nays were: Hamilton and Phillips—2.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2008) takes effect July 1, 2025.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, to take effect July 1, 2025, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

**Eng. House Bill 2009**, Relating to the merging and reorganizing of the executive branch.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. House Bill 2009**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2I-2, §5B-2I-4, §10-5-2, §29-1-1, §29-1-1a, §29-1-2, §29-1-3, §29-1-4, §29-1-6, §29-1-7, §29-1-8, §29-1-8c, §29-1-9, §29-1-11, §29-1-12, §29-1-13, §29-1-14, and §29-1-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §5F-1-3a, §5F-1-6, and §29-1-10, relating to the merging and reorganizing of the executive branch; abolishing Department of Arts, Culture, and History and reorganizing its sections and commissions under Department of Tourism; specifying the authority of the Secretary of Department of Tourism over these sections and commissions; correcting titles of affected departments, divisions, and positions based on the redesignations; specifying that starting on July 1, 2025, new hires and anyone who moves positions within Department of Tourism shall be in the classified exempt service system and shall be exempt from the state grievance procedures; providing Secretary of Department of Tourism authority to appoint the directors of certain sections; substituting the title of Secretary of Department of Tourism for Secretary of the Department of Arts, Culture, and History in several sections of code; granting Secretary of Tourism authority to approve or repeal rules promulgated by sections and commissions listed in certain sections of code; specifying that starting on July 1, 2025, new hires and employees that move positions within the sections and commissions shall be in the classified exempt service system and shall be exempt from state grievance procedures; providing an exemption; providing that Secretary of Department of Tourism may designate certain employees' status within the civil service system in order to comply with federal law or receive federal funds; clarifying the continued applicability of certain other employee protections found elsewhere in code; granting Secretary of Department of Tourism discretion to allow a person to serve in multiple positions or professions within certain sections of code; removing certain specific qualifications for persons appointed as directors of various sections of code; and technical cleanup of amended and reenacted sections.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed House Bill 2009, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Oliverio, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—24.

The nays were: Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Morris, Phillips, Queen, Stuart, and Weld—8.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2009) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—30.

The nays were: Hamilton and Phillips—2.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. H. B. 2009) takes effect July 1, 2025.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2011**, To supplement, amend, and increase an existing item of appropriation in the aforesaid accounts for the designated spending unit for expenditure during the fiscal year 2025..

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

On page 1, line 8, by striking out "150,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "123,000,000".

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2011, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2011) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2011) takes effect from passage.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2434**, Relating to establishing the Stop Squatters Act.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2434**—A Bill to amend and reenact §55-3C-1 and §55-3C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and adding thereto the following new sections, designated §55-3C-3, §55-3C-4, §55-3C-5, and §55-3C-6, all relating to squatting; establishing the Stop Squatters Act; providing a short title and findings; amending the definition of squatting and adding a definition for squatter; providing a limited alternative remedy to remove unauthorized persons from residential and commercial real properties; providing for the immediate removal by a law-enforcement agency upon request of the property owner of any person unlawfully occupying a residential dwelling or commercial building if certain conditions are met; providing a civil cause of action for wrongful removal; establishing misdemeanor and felony offenses for unlawfully occupying and intentionally damaging a residential dwelling or commercial building and providing penalties upon conviction thereof; establishing a misdemeanor offense for knowingly presenting a false document purporting to convey real property and providing penalties upon conviction thereof; and establishing a felony offense for any person who knowingly lists or advertises residential real property or a commercial building for sale or renting without legal title or authority and providing penalties upon conviction thereof.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2434, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2434) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendments, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2871**, Relating to the crime of negligent homicide.

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2871**—A Bill to amend and reenact §14-2A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related to updating definitions to "criminally injurious conduct"; also to amend and reenact §17B-1A-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the driver's license compact and clarifying that any conviction for an offense in another jurisdiction for the crimes contained within §17C-5-1 shall be subject to revocation; also to amend and reenact §17B-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to update that a conviction of any offense contained within 17C-5-1 shall be subject to revocation; also to amend and reenact §17C-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to adding an embryo as a protected person and subject to the protections of this section, establishing the crimes of vehicular homicide, aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular homicide in a school zone, vehicular homicide in a construction zone, and establishing fines and penalties related thereto, and establishing the nexus between a conviction of any of these offenses and the revocation of a person's driver's license; also to amend and reenact §17C-5-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reckless driving and updating and enhancing the fines and penalties relating thereto; also to amend and reenact §17C-14-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to amending the electronically distracted driving act to clarify that a person convicted of causing the death of another due to a violation shall now be guilty of vehicular homicide; also to amend and reenact §17E-1-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to updating the commercial drivers license process to clarify that a conviction of an offense in 17C-5-1 shall disqualify a person from a commercial driver's license; also to amend and reenact §20-7-18a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing the crimes of

homicide by operation of motorized watercraft, aggravated homicide by operation of motorized watercraft, establishing fines and criminal penalties, and suspension of privileges to operate a motorboat or other motorized vessel upon conviction; also to amend and reenact §33-6A-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to cancellation and nonrenewal of automobile insurance premiums and updating to reflect the newly established crimes contained in §17C-5-1 of this code; also to amend and reenact §33-6A-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying that a conviction for a crime in the newly created §17C-5-1 of this code shall constitute a basis for failure renew an outstanding automobile liability or physical damage insurance policy which has been in existence for two consecutive years; also to amend and reenact §49-1-207 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to updating that definitions in court actions involving juveniles to clarify that newly created criminal provisions contained in §17C-5-1 are defined as a "Violation of a traffic law of West Virginia"; also to amend and reenact §61-2-30 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to recognition of an embryo or fetus as a distinct unborn victim of certain crimes of violence against the person and clarifying that this section shall now apply to the criminal offenses contained in §17C-5-1 of this code.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendments to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 2871, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for H. B. 2871) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the concurrence by that body in the Senate amendment, as amended by the House of Delegates, passage as amended with its House of Delegates amended title, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment, as to

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2960**, Allowing the Division of Highways to contract out snow removal to private companies on secondary roads in Monongalia and Preston counties..

On motion of Senator Martin, the bill was taken up for immediate consideration.

The following House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill was reported by the Clerk:

By striking out the title and substituting therefor a new title, to read as follows:

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2960**—A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §17-9-1, relating to a pilot program for snow removal; stating legislative findings; establishing a priority schedule for state routes in regard to snow removal; requiring requests for proposals for multiple vendors to provide snow removal; establishing a time limit on the pilot program; providing that the Division of Highways has sole discretion in identifying the specific roads requiring maintenance under this pilot program; establishing liability; and providing for cancellation of snow removal contracts for cause.

On motion of Senator Martin, the Senate concurred in the foregoing House of Delegates amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

Engrossed Committee Substitute for House Bill 2960, as amended, was then put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Chapman, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Boley and Woelfel—2.

So, a majority of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2960) passed with its House of Delegates amended title.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk communicate to the House of Delegates the action of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to the twelfth order of business.

Remarks were made Senator Helton.

Thereafter, at the request of Senator Rose, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senator Helton were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

The following communication was reported by the Clerk:

The Senate of West Virginia  
Charleston

LEE CASSIS  
CLERK OF THE SENATE



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April 11, 2025

The Honorable Patrick Morrisey  
Governor, State of West Virginia  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Governor Morrisey,

The following bill, authenticated by the signature of the Clerk of each House, and signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, has been examined and found truly enrolled:

**Com. Sub. for S. B. 810**, Clarifying requirements for administration of anesthesia and chronic pain practice by certain licensed nurses.

This bill is presented to you on this day, April 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Cassis".

Lee Cassis  
Clerk of the Senate

C: The Honorable Jeffrey Pack  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Pending announcement of a meeting of a standing committee of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 8 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 11 a.m.

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**SENATE CALENDAR**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025  
11:00 AM**

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**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 11:30 AM**

Consideration of executive nominations

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**THIRD READING**

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2347 - Relating generally to the creation of mental hygiene regions by the Supreme Court of Appeals

Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for H. B. 2349 - To offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients receiving methadone and suboxone at the treatment facility for the methadone and suboxone - (Com. title amend. pending)

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3125 - To remove restrictions from teachers receiving permanent teaching licenses - (with right to amend)

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3164 - Requiring registered sex offenders pay annual fee

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 3174 - Requiring municipalities take actions when potential customers apply for water and sewer service.

Eng. H. B. 3344 - Relating to the establishment of a grant program to fund the United States Food and Drug Administration's drug development trials with ibogaine

**ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Regular Session 2025**

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**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

10 a.m.

Transportation & Infrastructure

(Room 451M)