

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 695

BY Senator Rucker

[Introduced January 30, 2026; referred

to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 authorizing the Department of Commerce to promulgate a legislative rule relating to
3 certification of a microgrid district or certification as a high impact data center.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 10. AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO
PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES.**

§64-10-1. Department of Commerce.

1 The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 12, 2026, authorized under the
2 authority of §5B-2-21 of this code, modified by the Department of Commerce to meet the
3 objections of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee and refiled in the State Register on
4 January 29, 2026, relating to the Department of Commerce (certification of a microgrid district or
5 certification as a high impact data center, [145 CSR 20](#)), is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Commerce to promulgate a legislative rule relating to certification of a microgrid district or certification as a high impact data center.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.