

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2026 REGULAR SESSION**

### **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.