

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 877

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(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

[Reported March 6, 2026, from the Committee on
Finance]

1 A BILL supplementing and amending the appropriations of public moneys out of the Treasury
2 from the balance of moneys remaining as an unappropriated surplus balance in the State
3 Fund, General Revenue, to the Department of Commerce, Division of Economic
4 Development, fund 0256, fiscal year 2026, organization 0307, by supplementing and
5 amending the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, by adding a new
6 item of appropriation.

1 WHEREAS, The Governor submitted the Executive Budget Document to the Legislature
2 on January 14, 2026, containing a statement of the State Fund, General Revenue, setting forth
3 therein the cash balance as of July 1, 2025, and further included the estimate of revenue for the
4 fiscal year 2026, less net appropriation balances forwarded and regular and surplus
5 appropriations for the fiscal year 2026, and further included recommended expirations to the
6 unappropriated surplus balance of the State Fund, General Revenue; and

7 WHEREAS, It appears from the Governor’s Statement of the State Fund, General
8 Revenue, there now remains an unappropriated surplus balance in the Treasury which is
9 available for appropriation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; therefore

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the total appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to fund 0256, fiscal
2 year 2026, organization 0307, be supplemented and amended to read as follows:

3 **TITLE II – APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 **Section 1. Appropriations from general revenue.**

5 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

6 *35 - Division of Economic Development*

7 (W.V. Code Chapter 5B)

8 Fund 0256 FY 2026 Org 0307

9 **General**
10 **Appro- Revenue**

	Appropriation	Fund
11		
12	Personal Services and Employee Benefits	00100 \$ 3,856,055
13	Unclassified.....	09900 108,055
14	Current Expenses	13000 4,052,861
15	Local Economic Development Partnerships (R)	13300 1,250,000
16	ARC Assessment.....	13600 152,585
17	Global Economic Development Partnerships (R)	20201 150,000
18	Guaranteed Work Force Grant (R)	24200 997,499
19	Directed Transfer – Surplus	70099 40,000,000
20	Mainstreet Program	79400 142,525
21	Marshall University Research Corporation	80701 500,000
22	BRIM Premium.....	91300 3,157
23	Hatfield McCoy Recreational Trail	96000 <u>198,415</u>
24	Total	\$ 51,411,152

25 Any unexpended balances remaining in the appropriations for Unclassified – Surplus (fund
26 0256, appropriation 09700), Partnership Grants (fund 0256, appropriation 13100), Local
27 Economic Development Partnerships (fund 0256, appropriation 13300), Global Economic
28 Development Partnerships (fund 0256, appropriation 20201), and Guaranteed Work Force Grant
29 (fund 0256, appropriation 24200), and Current Expenses – Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation
30 13099) at the close of the fiscal year 2025 are hereby reappropriated for expenditure during the
31 fiscal year 2026.

32 From the above appropriation for Current Expenses (fund 0256, appropriation 13000),
33 \$50,000 shall be used for the Western Potomac Economic Partnership, \$100,000 shall be used
34 for Advantage Valley, \$750,000 shall be used for the Robert C. Byrd Institute, \$548,915 is for
35 West Virginia University, and \$298,915 is for Southern West Virginia Community and Technical
36 College for the Mine Training and Energy Technologies Academy.

37 The above appropriation to Local Economic Development Partnerships (fund 0256,
38 appropriation 13300) shall be used by the Division of Economic Development for the award of
39 funding assistance to county and regional economic development corporations or authorities
40 participating in the Certified Development Community Program developed under the provisions
41 of §5B-2-14 of the code. The Division of Economic Development shall award the funding
42 assistance through a matching grant program, based upon a formula whereby funding assistance
43 may not exceed \$50,000 per county served by an economic development or redevelopment
44 corporation or authority.

45 The above appropriation for Directed Transfer – Surplus (fund 0256, appropriation 70099) shall
46 be transferred to the Economic Development Promotion and Closing Fund (fund 3171).