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AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, title one, chapter ten, acts of the Legislature, regular session, two thousand, relating to making appropriations of public money out of the treasury in accordance with section fifty-one, article six of the constitution and removing the authority of the auditor to transfer within the general revenue fund certain amounts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, title one, chapter ten, acts of the Legislature, regular session, two thousand, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

- 1 Sec. 3. Classification of appropriations.—An appropria-
- 2 tion for:
- 3 "Personal services" shall mean salaries, wages and other
- 4 compensation paid to full-time, part-time and temporary
- 5 employees of the spending unit but shall not include fees or
- 6 contractual payments paid to consultants or to independent
- 7 contractors engaged by the spending unit.

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Unless otherwise specified, appropriations for "personal services" shall include salaries of heads of spending units.

"Annual increment" shall mean funds appropriated for "eligible employees" and shall be disbursed only in accordance with article five, chapter five of the code.

Funds appropriated for "annual increment" shall be transferred to "personal services" or other designated items only as required.

"Employee benefits" shall mean social security matching, 16 workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, pension 17 and retirement contributions, public employees insurance 18 matching, personnel fees or any other benefit normally paid by 19 the employer as a direct cost of employment. Should the 20 appropriation be insufficient to cover such costs, the remainder 21 of such cost shall be transferred by each spending unit from its 22 "personal services" line item or its "unclassified" line item to 23 its "employee benefits" line item. If there is no appropriation 24 for "employee benefits," such costs shall be paid by each 25 spending unit from its "personal services" line item, its 26 "unclassified" line item or other appropriate line item. Each 27 spending unit is hereby authorized and required to make such 28 payments in accordance with the provisions of article two, 29 30 chapter five-a of the code.

"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 Premiums" be insufficient to cover such cost, the remainder of such costs shall be transferred by each spending unit from it's "personal services" line item, it's "employee benefit" line item, it's "unclassified" line item or any other appropriate line item to "BRIM Premiums" for payment to the Board of Risk and

Insurance Management. Each spending unit is hereby authorized and required to make such payments.

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Each spending unit shall be responsible for all contributions, payments or other costs related to coverage and claims of its employees for unemployment compensation. Such expenditures shall be considered an employee benefit.

50 "Current expenses" shall mean operating costs other than 51 personal services and shall not include equipment, repairs and 52 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.

57 "Equipment" shall mean equipment items which have an 58 appreciable and calculable period of usefulness in excess of one 59 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 section twelve, article three, chapter twelve of the code.

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.

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Appropriations classified in any of the above categories 77 shall be expended only for the purposes as defined above and 78 only for the spending units herein designated: Provided, That 79 the secretary of each department shall have the authority to 80 transfer within the department those general revenue funds 81 appropriated to the various agencies of the department: Pro-82 vided, however, That no more than five percent of the general 83 revenue funds appropriated to any one agency or board may be 84 transferred to other agencies or boards within the department: 85 Provided further, That the secretary of each department and the 86 director, commissioner, executive secretary, superintendent, 87 chairman or any other agency head not governed by a depart-88 mental secretary as established by chapter five-f of the code 89 shall have the authority to transfer funds appropriated to 90 "personal services" and "employee benefits" to other lines 91 within the same account and no funds from other lines shall be 92 transferred to the "personal services" line: And provided 93 further, That if the Legislature by subsequent enactment 94 consolidates agencies, boards or functions, the secretary may 95 transfer the funds formerly appropriated to such agency, board 96 or function in order to implement such consolidation. No funds 97 may be transferred from a special revenue account, dedicated 98 account, capital expenditure account or any other account or 99 fund specifically exempted by the Legislature from transfer, 100 except that the use of the appropriations from the state road 101 fund for the office of the secretary of the department of 102 transportation is not a use other than the purpose for which such 103 funds were dedicated and is permitted. 104

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.

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