1	Senate Bill No. 622
2	(By Senators Wells, Palumbo, Walters and McCabe)
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4	[Introduced February 17, 2014; referred to the Committee on
5	Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.]
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LO	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
L1	adding thereto a new section, designated \$18B-1F-10, relating
L2	to creating and funding the establishment of a facility that
L3	studies and creates solutions to maintain, improve and protect
L 4	water quality and quantity in West Virginia; and providing a
L 5	one-time funding from the Legislature.
L 6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
L 7	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
L8	by adding thereto a new section, designated §18B-1F-10, to read as
L 9	follows:
20	ARTICLE 1F. MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR THE HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY
21	COMMISSION.
22	§18B-1F-10. Legislative findings and intent; creating the "West

Virginia Water Sustainability Institute"; and one time funding from the Legislature.

3 (a) The Legislature finds that the need to respond to future 4 accidental threats to the security and integrity of west Virginia's 5 water resources. Toward this end, the Legislature supports the 6 creation of the "West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute" to 7 be physically located at the West Virginia Regional Technology Park 8 and subject to the authority of the commission and the powers and 9 duties of the board of directors and corporation as set out in this The purpose of the West Virginia Water Sustainability 10 article. 11 Institute is to create a public-private partnership for promoting 12 innovative technology to identify, invent and use 13 scientific methodologies, testing, separation, filtration and other 14 purification technologies for detecting and removing pollutants 15 from water supplies. The West Virginia University Water Institute partner with the West Virginia Water Sustainability 17 Institute. The West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall 18 develop commercially viable technologies that, first and foremost' 19 protect West Virginia water resources, and that may also be 20 deployed for the benefit of worldwide water 21 sustainability, as a source of revenue for continuing research and 22 development, as well as job creation and stimulation of West 23 Virginia's economy.

(b) The West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall be funded by a one-time appropriation from the Legislature sufficient for the establishment of a facility that brings together leading water experts at the West Virginia Regional Technology park to develop, implement, and commercialize innovative technologies and solutions to maintain, improve, and protect water quality and quantity in West Virginia in cooperation with the West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute. Future funding and maintenance of the West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute shall be determined by the executive director and board of directors.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to create and fund the establishment of a facility that studies and creates solutions to maintain, improve, and protect water quality and quantity in West Virginia. The bill also provides a one-time funding from the Legislature for the facility which is to be known as the "West Virginia Water Sustainability Institute" and located at the West Virginia Regional Technology Park.

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