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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §11-13W-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 relating to tax credits for apprenticeship training in construction trades; removing  
3 requirement that eligibility is limited to programs jointly administered by labor and  
4 management trustees; conforming provisions to current law.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §11-13W-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 13W. APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING TAX CREDITS.**

**§11-13W-1. Tax credits for apprenticeship training in construction trades.**

1 (a) *Credit allowed.* - For those tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, there is  
2 allowed a credit for any taxpayer against certain taxes imposed by this state as described in  
3 subsection (d) of this section for wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades who are  
4 registered with the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, West Virginia  
5 State Office, by the taxpayer in the tax year that an apprentice and taxpayer participate in a  
6 qualified apprenticeship training program, as described in this section, which is:

- 7 (1) Administered pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 50; and  
8 (2) Certified in accordance with regulations adopted by the United States Bureau of  
9 Apprenticeship and Training or the successor agency of that bureau.

10 (b) *Amount of credit.* - The tax credit equals \$2 per hour multiplied by the total number of  
11 hours worked during the tax year by an apprentice working for the participating taxpayer, and the  
12 amount of credit allowed for any tax year with respect to each apprentice may not exceed \$2,000,  
13 or fifty percent of actual wages paid in that tax year for the apprenticeship, whichever is less.

14 (c) *Qualified apprenticeship training program requirements.* — In addition to the  
15 qualifications specified in subsection (a) of this section, a qualified apprenticeship training  
16 program consists of at least two thousand but not more than ten thousand hours of on-the-job

17 apprenticeship training for certification of the apprenticeship by the United States Bureau of  
18 Apprenticeship and Training or the successor agency of the bureau.

19 (d) *Application of annual credit allowance.* - The amount of credit as determined under  
20 subsection (b) of this section is allowed as a credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability applied  
21 as provided in subdivisions (1) through (2), inclusive, of this subsection, and in that order.

22 (1) *Corporation net income taxes.* - The credit must first be applied to reduce the taxes  
23 imposed by article twenty-four of this chapter for the taxable year.

24 (2) *Personal income taxes.* — After application of subdivision (1) of this subsection, any  
25 unused credit is next applied as follows:

26 (A) If the person making the qualified investment is an electing small business corporation  
27 (as defined in Section 1361 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended),  
28 a partnership, a limited liability company that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax  
29 purposes, or a sole proprietorship, then any unused credit (after application of subdivision (1) of  
30 this subsection) is allowed as a credit against the taxes imposed by article twenty-one of this  
31 chapter on the income from business or other activity on income of a sole proprietor attributable  
32 to the business.

33 (B) Electing small business corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships and  
34 other unincorporated organizations shall allocate the credit allowed by this article among its  
35 members in the same manner as profits and losses are allocated for the taxable year.

36 (3) A credit is not allowed under this section against any employer withholding taxes  
37 imposed by article twenty-one of this chapter.

38 (e) *Unused credit.* — If any credit remains after application of subsection (d) of this section,  
39 that amount is forfeited. A carryback to a prior taxable year is not allowed for the amount of any  
40 unused portion of any annual credit allowance.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Vice - Chairman, House Committee

*Ed Pearce*  
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Member Chairman, Senate Committee

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The within *is approved* this the *24th*  
day of *April*, 2017.

*Jim Justice*  
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Governor

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