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House Bill 2921

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NOTE**

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[Introduced March 10, 2017; Referred
to the Committee on Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §5B-1-9, relating to establishing a website clearinghouse for sharing
3 information about potential sources of revenue, financial, technical and legal assistance
4 for government agencies; requiring state agencies to provide information based upon the
5 experience and knowledge of the agency; and authorizing rule-making to facilitate and
6 clarify the process for submitting information.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, be amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §5B-1-9, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

§5B-1-9. Intergovernmental information clearinghouse.

1 (a) The Department of Commerce shall develop and maintain a central information
2 clearinghouse in the form of a website, available to all subdivisions of state government and of
3 county and municipal governments of this state, listing public and private programs that offer or
4 provide revenue, financial, technical and legal assistance for agencies of state and local
5 government.

6 (b) Each agency of state government shall periodically provide the Secretary of Commerce
7 with basic information about the programs, agencies, organizations and businesses with which
8 the agency works or has worked that offer or provide revenue, financial, technical and legal
9 assistance for agencies of state and local government.

10 (c) The Secretary of Commerce may promulgate procedural rules and forms, both written
11 and electronic and may propose rules for legislative approval, in accordance with the provisions
12 of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of the code, to specify nature of information to be submitted
13 by state agencies and the form and manner in which it is to be submitted.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish an intergovernmental clearinghouse to share

information among agencies of state and local government regarding potential sources of revenue and technical and legal assistance for government agencies.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.