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House Bill 3001

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to the Committee on]Education then Finance

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18B-1B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to abolishing the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission; transferring all
 3 powers and duties of the commission relating to internal governance of institutions of
 4 higher education to the board of Governors of the institutions; transferring all powers and
 5 duties of the commission to secure, provide, or administer financial support for educational
 6 or research purposes to the board of Governors of their respective institutions; providing
 7 for the transfer and disposition of assets, property and records of the commission;
 8 providing for the transfer of the administration of the Promise Scholarship to the State
 9 Treasurer; and transfer WVNET to West Virginia University.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §18B-1B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1B. HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION.

§18B-1B-1. Higher education policy commission abolished; transfer of powers and duties.

1 (a) The Higher Education Policy Commission is hereby abolished, effective July 1, 2017.

2 (b) All powers and duties of the Higher Education Policy Commission related to the internal
 3 governance of institutions of higher education shall be transferred to the governing boards of the
 4 institutions.

5 (c) All powers and duties of the Higher Education Policy Commission to provide, secure,
 6 or administer financial support for educational or research purposes, including, but not limited to,
 7 state or federal scholarships, grants, fellowships, and loans, shall be transferred to the respective
 8 institutions.

9 (d) All monetary assets of the Higher Education Policy Commission shall be transferred
 10 into the state's General Revenue Fund. All other property of the Higher Education Policy
 11 Commission shall be disposed of or transferred in accordance with the requirements of section
 12 twelve, article ten, chapter four of this code.

13 (e) All powers and duties of the Higher Education Policy Commission to administer the
14 Promise Scholarship program shall be transferred to the West Virginia State Treasurer's Office.

15 (f) All powers and duties of the Higher Education Policy Commission related to WVNET
16 shall be transferred to West Virginia University: *Provided*, That no higher education institution or
17 agency shall be mandated to use WVNET provided services.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to abolish the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. The bill transfers all powers and duties of the commission relating to governance of institutions of higher education to the board of Governors of the institutions. The bill transfers all powers and duties of the commission to secure, provide, or administer financial support for educational or research purposes to the Institutions. The bill provides for the transfer and disposition of assets, property and records of the commission.

This section has been completely rewritten; therefore, it has been completely underscored.