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Senate Bill 476

**FISCAL
NOTE**

BY SENATOR BLAIR

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to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
2 designated §11-1-1b, relating to training of State Tax Division employees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. SUPERVISION.

§11-1-1b. Training of employees.

1 (a) To insure adequate standards of public service, the commissioner may provide
2 technical and specialized instruction for employees of the State Tax Division. If upon review of
3 the personnel records of any employee of the State Tax Division, the commissioner is of the
4 opinion that it would be in the best interest of the State Tax Division to provide the employee with
5 additional training or instruction, not to exceed nine months in any four-year period, in the field or
6 vocation in which the employee is engaged, the commissioner may, upon approval of the
7 secretary, request that the employee obtain the additional training or instruction at any place the
8 commissioner considers suitable. Designated attendance of the employee shall be compensated
9 for as a part of regular employment. The commissioner is further authorized to pay out of state
10 funds as are available, any required tuition, materials or enrollment fees.

11 (b) The commissioner is hereby authorized to promulgate rules in accordance with the
12 provisions of §29A-3-1 et seq. of this code setting forth the types of training and degrees or
13 certifications that may be obtained, the employee classifications suitable for additional training,
14 and setting limitations upon the maximum amount that can be spent on any one employee's
15 training, and other matters as deemed necessary to promote the development and retention of a
16 skilled workforce.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for training to State Tax Division employees to promote competence and efficiency in state tax administration and to recruit and retain a skilled workforce for the State Tax Division.

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