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House Bill 4264

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18B-2A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to designating Glenville State College a university, having met eligibility requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2A. INSTITUTIONAL BOARDS OF GOVERNORS.

§18B-2A-6. University status for public baccalaureate institutions of higher education.

1 (a) The purpose of this section is to redesignate certain existing public baccalaureate
2 institutions as universities and to provide a mechanism for other public baccalaureate institutions
3 to become universities. The change in name is based on each institution's ability to meet minimum
4 standards developed and adopted by the commission.

5 (b) Each governing board of a public baccalaureate institution is authorized to make
6 changes which would further its eligibility to attain university status:

7 (1) If the college meets the eligibility requirements established by the commission to attain
8 university status and if the commission grants university status, then the governing board shall
9 determine the effective date on which the public baccalaureate institution becomes a university;
10 and

11 (2) On and after the effective date designated by the governing board, the baccalaureate
12 institution shall be designated a university.

13 (c) Concord college, Fairmont state college, Shepherd college and West Virginia state
14 college, having met the eligibility requirements established by the commission to attain university
15 status, are hereby designated as universities on the effective date of this section.

16 (d) Glenville state college having met the eligibility requirements established by the
17 commission to attain university status, is hereby designated as a university on the effective date
18 of the amendment of this section.

19 ~~(d)~~ (e) An institution may not request or seek additional state appropriations as a result of
20 the redesignation provided for in this section. No consequences, including the need to meet future
21 accreditation requirements in order to maintain university status, which arise as a result of

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22 designating an existing state college as a university, provide sufficient justification for an institution
23 to request or in any way seek additional state funds.

24 ~~(e)~~ (f) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, Marshall university and
25 West Virginia University are, and remain, the only research and doctoral degree-granting public
26 institutions of higher education in this state.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to designate Glenville State College a university, having met eligibility requirements.

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