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House Bill 4291

BY DELEGATE ELLINGTON

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Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18B-17-2 and §18B-17-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
2 amended, all relating to authorizing legislative rules regarding higher education;
3 authorizing legislative rules for the Higher Education Policy Commission regarding the
4 Research Trust Fund Program and Annual Reauthorization of Degree-Granting
5 Institutions; and authorizing legislative rules for the Council for Community and Technical
6 College Education regarding Business, Occupational, and Trade Schools, Annual
7 Reauthorization of Degree-Granting Institutions, and West Virginia Invests Grant
8 Program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 17. LEGISLATIVE RULES.

§18B-17-2. Authorizing rules of Higher Education Policy Commission.

1 (a) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 15, 2004, relating to the
2 Higher Education Policy Commission (Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Program rule), is
3 authorized.

4 (b) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 15, 2004, relating to the
5 Higher Education Policy Commission (West Virginia Engineering, Science, and Technology
6 Scholarship Program rule), is authorized.

7 (c) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 15, 2004, relating to the
8 Higher Education Policy Commission (Medical Education Fee and Medical Student Loan Program
9 rule), is authorized.

10 (d) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 27, 2005, relating to the
11 Higher Education Policy Commission (authorization of degree-granting institutions), is authorized.

12 (e) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 23, 2006, relating to the Higher
13 Education Policy Commission (West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program), is authorized.

14 (f) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 4, 2008, relating to the Higher
15 Education Policy Commission (Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-state Student
16 Excellence - PROMISE), is authorized.

17 (g) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 25, 2008, relating to the Higher
18 Education Policy Commission (Research Trust Program), is authorized.

19 (h) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 8, 2009, relating to the Higher
20 Education Policy Commission (Guidelines for Governing Boards in Employing and Evaluating
21 Presidents), is authorized.

22 (i) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on September 10, 2008, relating to the
23 Higher Education Policy Commission (Medical Student Loan Program), is authorized, with the
24 following amendment:

25 On page two, subsection 5.1, following the words “financial aid office” by inserting a new
26 subdivision 5.1.3 to read as follows: “United States citizenship or legal immigrant status while
27 actively pursuing United States citizenship.”.

28 (j) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 1, 2008, relating to the
29 Higher Education Policy Commission (West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program), is
30 authorized.

31 (k) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 26, 2009, relating to the
32 Higher Education Policy Commission (Accountability System), is authorized.

33 (l) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on May 20, 2009, relating to the Higher
34 Education Policy Commission (Energy and Water Savings Revolving Loan Fund Program), is
35 authorized.

36 (m) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 27, 2010, relating to the
37 Higher Education Policy Commission (Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-state
38 Student Excellence - PROMISE), is authorized.

39 (n) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 8, 2010, relating to the
40 Higher Education Policy Commission (authorization of degree-granting institutions), is authorized,
41 with the following amendment:

42 On page 28, subsection 9.1.b, following the words “Good cause shall consist of” by
43 inserting the words “any one or more of the following”.

44 (o) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 12, 2011, relating to the
45 Higher Education Policy Commission (Tuition and Fee Policy), is authorized.

46 (p) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 10, 2012, relating to the Higher
47 Education Policy Commission (authorization of degree-granting institutions), is authorized.

48 (q) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 10, 2012, relating to the Higher
49 Education Policy Commission (annual reauthorization of degree-granting institutions), is
50 authorized.

51 (r) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on March 20, 2013, relating to the Higher
52 Education Policy Commission (Human Resources Administration), is authorized.

53 (s) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 24, 2014, relating to the
54 Higher Education Policy Commission (Capital Project Management), is authorized.

55 (t) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on April 4, 2014, relating to the Higher
56 Education Policy Commission (Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Program), is authorized.

57 (u) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 4, 2014, relating to the Higher
58 Education Policy Commission (Nursing Scholarship Program), is authorized.

59 (v) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 28, 2015, relating to the
60 Higher Education Policy Commission (Underwood-Smith Teacher Scholarship Program), is
61 authorized.

62 (w) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 28, 2015, relating to the
63 Higher Education Policy Commission (Nursing Scholarship Program), is authorized.

64 (x) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 20, 2016, relating to the
65 Higher Education Policy Commission (West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program), is
66 authorized.

67 (y) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 20, 2016, relating to the
68 Higher Education Policy Commission (Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-state
69 Student Excellence - PROMISE), is authorized.

70 (z) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 20, 2016, relating to the
71 Higher Education Policy Commission (Research Trust Fund Program), is authorized.

72 (aa) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 20, 2016, relating to the
73 Higher Education Policy Commission (annual reauthorization of degree-granting institutions), is
74 authorized.

75 (bb) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 16, 2018, relating to the
76 Higher Education Policy Commission (Tuition and Fee Policy), is authorized.

77 (cc) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 16, 2018, relating to the
78 Higher Education Policy Commission (Human Resources Administration), is authorized.

79 (dd) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 22, 2018, relating to the
80 Higher Education Policy Commission (Capital Project Management), is authorized, with the
81 following amendments:

82 On page one, subsection 2.1, by striking out all of subdivision 2.1.d. and inserting in lieu
83 thereof a new subdivision 2.1.d., to read as follows: "Efficient use of existing classroom and other
84 space by institutions, while maintaining an appropriate deference to the value judgments of the
85 institutional governing boards".;

86 On page seven, subsection 4.2, by striking out all of subdivision 4.2.d.5. and inserting in
87 lieu thereof a new subdivision 4.2.d.5., to read as follows: "Funding will be prioritized for each
88 institution in accordance with institutional plans confirmed by the Commission or approved by the
89 Council.";

90 On page seven, subsection 4.2, by striking out all of subdivision 4.2.d.6. and inserting in
91 lieu thereof a new subdivision 4.2.d.6., to read as follows: “Facility utilization rates will be an
92 important factor in prioritizing capital projects across the systems.”;

93 On page seven, subsection 4.2, by striking out all of subdivision 4.2.d.7. and inserting in
94 lieu thereof a new subdivision 4.2.d.7., to read as follows: “Institutions with overall net asset values
95 and capacity utilization rates that exceed, or equal thresholds set annually by the Commission
96 and Council are the presumptive priority for new facilities. If these projects do not replace an
97 existing facility, they would be included in the Program Improvement category.”; and

98 On pages 10-11, section 5, by striking out all of subdivision 5.6. and inserting in lieu thereof
99 a new subdivision 5.6., to read as follows: “A governing board may not implement a campus
100 development plan or plan update that has not been confirmed by the Commission or approved by
101 the Council, as appropriate. The purchase of any property for the construction of a facility that is
102 not included in the campus development plan creates an update to the campus development plan
103 that must be confirmed by the Commission or approved by the Council, as appropriate, prior to
104 its purchase. In the case of institutions governed by the Council, this provision applies equally to
105 property acquired by any means, whether by purchase or otherwise.”.

106 (ee) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 22, 2019, relating to the
107 Higher Education Policy Commission (Acceptance of Advanced Placement Credit), is repealed.

108 (ff) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 22, 2019, relating to the
109 Higher Education Policy Commission (Human Resources Administration), is repealed.

110 (gg) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 28, 2018, relating to the
111 Higher Education Policy Commission (Guidelines for Governing Boards in Employing and
112 Evaluating Presidents), is authorized.

113 (hh) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 7, 2018, relating to the Higher
114 Education Policy Commission (Providing Real Opportunities for Maximizing In-state Student
115 Excellence (PROMISE) Scholarship Program), is authorized, with the following amendments:

116 On page one, subsection 2.1, by striking out all of subdivision 2.1.a. and inserting in lieu
117 thereof a new subdivision 2.1.a., to read as follows: “Must complete high school graduation
118 requirements at a West Virginia public, private or home school unless he or she qualified as a
119 military dependent under Section 5 of this rule, or has commuted to an out-of-state school
120 pursuant to Section 6 of this rule; and”;

121 On page one, subsection 2.1, by striking out all of subdivision 2.1.b. and inserting in lieu
122 thereof a new subdivision 2.1.b., to read as follows: ”Must complete at least one half of the credits
123 required for high school graduation through attendance at a public, private or home school in this
124 state, unless he or she qualified as a military dependent under Section 5 of this rule, or has
125 commuted to an out-of-state school pursuant to Section 6 of this rule; and”;

126 On page one, subdivision 2.1.c., by striking out the words “Section 5” and inserting in lieu
127 thereof the words “Section 4”;

128 On page one, subsection 2.1, by striking out all of subdivision 2.1.d. and inserting in lieu
129 thereof a new subdivision 2.1.d., to read as follows: “Must have attained a cumulative grade point
130 average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, based on county board grading policies, in both core
131 courses and overall coursework required for graduation by the State Board of Education, while
132 enrolled in a public or private high school. If home-schooled pursuant to the exemption allowed
133 by W.Va. Code §18-8-1 as documented by the county school board system, the applicant must
134 have completed in both the 11th and 12th grades the required core and elective coursework
135 necessary to prepare students for success in postsecondary education at the associate and
136 baccalaureate levels by attaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 grading
137 scale in both core courses and overall coursework as determined by the Commission; and”;

138 On page one, subsection 2.1, subdivision 2.1.f., preceding the words “have resided in
139 West Virginia”, by striking out the word “Must” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “The
140 applicant and his or her parent or legal guardian must”;

141 On page one, subdivision 2.1.f., by striking out the words “Section 5” and inserting in lieu
142 thereof the words “Section 4”;

143 On page one, subdivision 2.1.f., by striking out the words “Section 6” and inserting in lieu
144 thereof the words “Section 5”;

145 On page two, subsection 2.4., by striking out the words “Section 10.7 or 10.8” and inserting
146 in lieu thereof the words “Section 9.7 or 9.8”;

147 On page two, subsection 2.5, by striking out the words “Section 8” and inserting in lieu
148 thereof the words “Section 7”;

149 On page two, subsection 2.5, by striking out the words “Section 10” and inserting in lieu
150 thereof the words “Section 9”;

151 On page two, by striking out all of section 3 and renumbering the remaining sections
152 accordingly;

153 On page three, subsection 4.4, by striking out the words “Section 14” and inserting in lieu
154 thereof the words “Section 13”;

155 On page five-six, subsection 10.6, by striking out the words “Section 10.3” and inserting
156 in lieu thereof the words “Section 9.3”;

157 On page six, subsection 10.6, by striking out the words “Section 10.2” and inserting in lieu
158 thereof the words “Section 9.2”;

159 On page six, subsection 10.9.c., by striking out the words “Section 5” and inserting in lieu
160 thereof the words “Section 4”;

161 On page eight, subsection 15.1.b., by striking out the words “Section 11.1” and inserting
162 in lieu thereof the words “Section 10.1”.

163 (ii) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on September 30, 2019, relating to the
164 Higher Education Policy Commission (Higher Education Accountability System) is authorized.

165 (jj) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on November 5, 2019, relating to the
166 Higher Education Policy Commission (Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars Program and
167 Teacher Education Loan Repayment Program) is authorized.

168 (kk) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 4, 2019, relating to the
169 Higher Education Policy Commission (Accountability System) is repealed.

170 (ll) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 29, 2020, relating to the Higher
171 Education Policy Commission (Mental Health Loan Repayment Program) is authorized, with the
172 following amendments:

173 On page one, subdivision, 3.1.b., after the words “family therapist,” by inserting the words
174 “psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner,”;

175 On page two, subsection 6.1, by striking out the words “at least” and inserting in lieu
176 thereof the words “up to”; and

177 On page three, subsection 9.1, after the words “family therapists,” by inserting the words
178 “psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners,”.

179 (mm) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on March 11, 2021, relating to the
180 Higher Education Policy Commission (Administrative Exemption) is authorized.

181 (nn) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on May 5, 2021, relating to the Higher
182 Education Policy Commission (Research Trust Fund Program) is authorized.

183 (oo) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on May 5, 2021, relating to the Higher
184 Education Policy Commission (Annual Reauthorization of Degree-Granting Institutions) is
185 authorized.

**§18B-17-3. Authorizing rules of the Council for Community and Technical College
Education.**

1 (a) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on September 29, 2004, relating to the
2 West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Performance Indicators)
3 is authorized.

4 (b) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 13, 2005, relating to the West
5 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Authorization of Degree-
6 Granting Institutions), is authorized.

7 (c) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 30, 2006, relating to the West
8 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Workforce Development
9 Initiative Program), is authorized.

10 (d) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 4, 2008, relating to the
11 West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Employing and
12 Evaluating Presidents), is authorized.

13 (e) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on December 23, 2008, relating to the
14 West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Performance Indicators),
15 is authorized.

16 (f) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on February 5, 2009, relating to the West
17 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Finance), is authorized.

18 (g) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on February 5, 2009, relating to the West
19 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Accountability System), is
20 authorized.

21 (h) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on June 15, 2011, relating to the West
22 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Workforce Development
23 Initiative Program), is authorized.

24 (i) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 26, 2011, relating to the West
25 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Tuition and Fees), is
26 authorized.

27 (j) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 17, 2012, relating to the West
28 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Authorization of Degree-
29 Granting Institutions), is authorized.

30 (k) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on October 17, 2012, relating to the West
31 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Annual Reauthorization of
32 Degree-Granting Institutions), is authorized.

33 (l) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on March 21, 2013, relating to the West
34 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Human Resources
35 Administration), is authorized.

36 (m) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on August 21, 2012, relating to the West
37 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (West Virginia EDGE Program),
38 is authorized.

39 (n) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 28, 2014, relating to the West
40 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Capital Project Management),
41 is authorized.

42 (o) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 18, 2017, relating to the West
43 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (annual reauthorization of
44 degree-granting institutions), is authorized.

45 (p) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 18, 2017, relating to the West
46 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Business, Occupational, and
47 Trade Schools), is authorized.

48 (q) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 26, 2018, relating to the West
49 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Human Resources
50 Administration), is authorized.

51 (r) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 26, 2018, relating to the West
52 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Capital Project Management),
53 is authorized, with the following amendments:

54 On page one, subsection 2.1, by striking out all of subdivision 2.1.d. and inserting in lieu
55 thereof a new subdivision 2.1.d., to read as follows: "Efficient use of existing classroom and other

56 space by institutions, while maintaining an appropriate deference to the value judgments of the
57 institutional governing boards.”;

58 On page seven, subsection 4.2, by striking out all of subdivision 4.2.d.5. and inserting in
59 lieu thereof a new subdivision 4.2.d.5., to read as follows: “Funding will be prioritized for each
60 institution in accordance with institutional plans confirmed by the Commission or approved by the
61 Council.”;

62 On page seven, subsection 4.2, by striking out all of subdivision 4.2.d.6. and inserting in
63 lieu thereof a new subdivision 4.2.d.6., to read as follows: “Facility utilization rates will be an
64 important factor in prioritizing capital projects across the systems.”;

65 On page seven, subsection 4.2, by striking out all of subdivision 4.2.d.7. and inserting in
66 lieu thereof a new subdivision 4.2.d.7., to read as follows: “Institutions with overall net asset values
67 and capacity utilization rates that exceed or equal thresholds set annually by the Commission and
68 Council are the presumptive priority for new facilities. If these projects do not replace an existing
69 facility, they would be included in the Program Improvement category.”; and

70 On pages 10-11, section 5, by striking out all of subdivision 5.6. and inserting in lieu thereof
71 a new subdivision 5.6., to read as follows: “A governing board may not implement a campus
72 development plan or plan update that has not been confirmed by the Commission or approved by
73 the Council, as appropriate. The purchase of any property for the construction of a facility that is
74 not included in the campus development plan creates an update to the campus development plan
75 that must be confirmed by the Commission or approved by the Council, as appropriate, prior to
76 its purchase. In the case of institutions governed by the Council, this provision applies equally to
77 property acquired by any means, whether by purchase or otherwise.”

78 (s) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on July 2, 2018, relating to the West
79 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Tuition and Fees), is
80 authorized.

81 (t) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on September 26, 2018, relating to the
82 West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Acceptance of Advanced
83 Placement Credit), is repealed.

84 (u) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on November 20, 2018, relating to the
85 West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Initial Authorization of
86 Degree-Granting Institutions), is authorized.

87 (v) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on November 20, 2018, relating to the
88 West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Workforce Development:
89 Learn and Earn, Technical Program Development, and West Virginia Advance Rapid Response
90 Grants), is authorized.

91 (w) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on January 25, 2019, relating to the West
92 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Human Resources
93 Administration), is repealed.

94 (x) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on June 3, 2019, relating to the West
95 Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (West Virginia Invests Grant
96 Program) is authorized.

97 (y) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on April 27, 2021 (Business,
98 Occupational, and Trade Schools) is authorized.

99 (z) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on April 27, 2021 (Annual Reauthorization
100 of Degree-Granting Institutions) is authorized.

101 (aa) The legislative rule filed in the State Register on November 10, 2021 (West Virginia
102 Invests Grant Program) is authorized.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize legislative rules for the Higher Education Policy Commission regarding the Research Trust Fund Program and Annual Reauthorization of Degree-Granting Institutions; and legislative rules for the Council for Community and Technical College Education regarding Business, Occupational, and Trade Schools, Annual Reauthorization of Degree-Granting Institutions, and West Virginia Invests Grant Program.

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