

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2022 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 584**

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AND GRADY

[Introduced February 07, 2022; referred  
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §31-15A-17c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all  
 2 relating to the critical needs and failing systems sub account; increasing the maximum  
 3 loan balance for each congressional district from \$4 million to \$6 million; and increasing  
 4 the cap relating to providing extensions to a water facility or wastewater facility from \$1  
 5 million to \$1.5 million.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 15A. WEST VIRGINIA INFRASTRUCTURE AND JOBS DEVELOPMENT  
 COUNCIL.**

**§31-15A-17c. Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account.**

1 Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary:

2 (a) The Water Development Authority shall establish a separate and segregated sub  
 3 account in the Infrastructure Fund designated the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub  
 4 Account into which the council may instruct the Water Development Authority to transfer from the  
 5 uncommitted loan balances for each congressional district on June 30 each year up to ~~\$4 million~~  
 6 \$6 million per congressional district.

7 (b) The council shall direct the Water Development Authority to make loans or grants from  
 8 the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account when the council determines that a project  
 9 will address a critical immediate need by:

10 (1) The continuation of water or wastewater services;

11 (2) Addressing water facility or wastewater facility failure due to the age of the facility or  
 12 facilities; or

13 (3) Providing extensions to a water facility or wastewater facility that will add customers  
 14 with a total project cost of less than ~~\$1 million~~ \$1.5 million.

15 (c) Grant limitations and allocations contained in §31-15A-10(b) and §31-15A-10(c) of this  
 16 code do not apply to grants made from the Critical Needs and Failing Systems Sub Account.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the maximum loan balance for each congressional district from \$4 million to \$6 million and increase the cap relating to providing extensions to a water facility or wastewater facility from \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

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