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House Bill 2750

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[Introduced January 18, 2023; Referred to the
Committee on Economic Development and Tourism]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §5B-2-4a of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to the
 2 state allocation of funding to regional councils; and eliminating the maximum state
 3 allocation allowed to each eligible regional council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

§5B-2-4a. State allocation to regional councils.

1 The West Virginia ~~Development Office~~ Department of Economic Development may enter
 2 into contractual agreements with the regional councils formed under the provisions of ~~section five,~~
 3 ~~article twenty-five, chapter eight~~ §8-25-5 of this code to provide funding to the regional councils to
 4 be used to obtain federal matching grants and for other purposes determined to be appropriate by
 5 the ~~Development Office~~ Department: ~~The maximum state allocation to each regional council shall~~
 6 ~~be \$40,000~~ *Provided*, That the amount of the any allocation shall be determined by dividing the
 7 number of eligible regional councils into the total amount of funds made available for allocation by
 8 the Legislature. The West Virginia ~~Development Office~~ Department of Economic Development
 9 shall develop criteria to determine a regional council's eligibility for the state allocation.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the maximum allowable state allocation from the West Virginia Department of Economic Development to eligible regional councils for purposes of obtaining federal matching grants.

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