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House Bill 3111

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1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section
 2 article, designated §5B-2N-1 and §5B-2N-2, relating to establishing Infrastructure Ready
 3 Jurisdictions; establishing the requirement for this designation; establishing rulemaking for
 4 these Infrastructure Ready Jurisdictions for the Office of Economic Development; and
 5 awarding an additional five percent preferential scoring for these jurisdictions on all
 6 permissible grants.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 **ARTICLE 2N. INFRASTRUCTURE READY JURISDCITIONS.**

§5B-2N-1. Process.

1 (a) Any political subdivision of this state which refrains from enacting any permitting
 2 requirements other than those contained in this Code may apply to the Office of Economic
 3 Development for a designation as an Infrastructure Ready Jurisdiction.

4 (b) The Office of Economic Development is hereby authorized to promulgate rules
 5 governing the process for certification as an Infrastructure Ready Jurisdiction.

§5B-2N-2. Benefits.

1 Any political subdivision of this state which is certified as an Infrastructure Ready
 2 Jurisdiction shall receive 5 percent preferential scoring on all grants permitted by or mandated by
 3 any provision of this Code or by any portion of the Code of State Regulations, unless such
 4 preferential scoring is explicitly forbidden by other grant conditions.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish Infrastructure Ready Jurisdictions; establish rulemaking; and award an additional five percent preferential scoring for these jurisdictions on all permissible 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.