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House Bill 3224

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NOTE

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Committee on Education then Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18C-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to adding West Virginia Junior College to the list of eligible institutions that may accept
 3 PROMISE scholarship recipients.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 7. WEST VIRGINIA PROVIDING REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAXIMIZING
 IN-STATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

§18C-7-3. Definitions.

1 (a) *General.* -- For the purposes of this article, terms have the meaning ascribed to them in
 2 section two, article one of this chapter, unless the context in which the term is used clearly requires
 3 a different meaning or a specific definition is provided in this section.

4 (b) *Definitions.* -- (1) "Eligible institution" means:

5 (A) A state institution of higher education as defined in §18B-1-2 of this code;

6 (B) Alderson-Broaddus College, Appalachian Bible College, Bethany College, Davis and
 7 Elkins College, Mountain State University, Ohio Valley University, the University of Charleston,
 8 West Virginia Wesleyan College and Wheeling Jesuit University, all in West Virginia. Any
 9 institution listed in this subdivision ceases to be an eligible institution if it meets either of the
 10 following conditions:

11 (i) It loses regional accreditation; or

12 (ii) It changes its status as a private, not-for-profit institution;

13 (C) West Virginia Junior College; and

14 ~~(C)~~ (D) Any other public or private regionally accredited institution in this state approved by
 15 the commission.

16 (2) "Tuition" means the quarter, semester or term charges imposed by an eligible state
 17 institution of higher education and, additionally, all mandatory fees required as a condition of
 18 enrollment by all students. For the purposes of this article, the following conditions apply:

19 (A) West Virginia University, Potomac State College and West Virginia University Institute
20 of Technology are considered separate institutions for purposes of determining tuition rates; and

21 (B) The tuition amount paid by undergraduate health sciences students at West Virginia
22 University is considered to be the same as the amount of tuition paid by all other West Virginia
23 University undergraduate students.

24 (3) "Enrolled" means either currently enrolled or in the process of enrolling in an eligible
25 institution.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add West Virginia Junior College to the list of eligible institutions that accept PROMISE scholarship recipients.

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