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Senate Bill 564

By Senators Jeffries, Woelfel, Plymale, Rucker,
Hamilton, Nelson, and Queen

[Introduced January 26, 2024; referred
to the Committee on Economic Development; and
then to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §11-13W-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to a tax credit for apprenticeship training; eliminating requirement that the credit base be
 3 limited to wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades; and specifying an effective
 4 date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 13W. APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING TAX CREDITS.

§11-13W-1. Tax credits for apprenticeship training in construction trades.

1 (a) *Credit allowed.* –

2 (1) For those tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, there is allowed a credit for
 3 any taxpayer against certain taxes imposed by this state as described in subsection (d) of this
 4 section for wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades who are registered with the United
 5 States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, West Virginia State Office, by the taxpayer
 6 in the tax year that an apprentice and taxpayer participate in a qualified apprenticeship training
 7 program, as described in this section, which is:

8 ~~(1)~~ (A) Administered pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 50; and

9 ~~(2)~~ (B) Certified in accordance with regulations adopted by the United States Bureau of
 10 Apprenticeship and Training or the successor agency of that bureau.

11 (2) For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2024, there is allowed a credit for
 12 any taxpayer against certain taxes imposed by this state as described in subsection (d) of this
 13 section for wages paid to apprentices who are registered with the United State Department of
 14 Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, West Virginia State Office, by the taxpayer in the tax year that an
 15 apprentice and taxpayer participate in a qualified apprenticeship training program, as described in
 16 this section, which fulfills the requirements of paragraphs (A) and (B), subdivision (1) of this
 17 subsection.

18 (b) *Amount of credit.* - The tax credit equals \$2 per hour multiplied by the total number of
 19 hours worked during the tax year by an apprentice working for the participating taxpayer, and the

20 amount of credit allowed for any tax year with respect to each apprentice may not exceed \$2,000,
21 or fifty percent of actual wages paid in that tax year for the apprenticeship, whichever is less.

22 (c) *Qualified apprenticeship training program requirements.* — In addition to the
23 qualifications specified in subsection (a) of this section, a qualified apprenticeship training
24 program consists of at least two thousand but not more than ten thousand hours of on-the-job
25 apprenticeship training for certification of the apprenticeship by the United States Bureau of
26 Apprenticeship and Training or the successor agency of the bureau.

27 (d) *Application of annual credit allowance.* - The amount of credit as determined under
28 subsection (b) of this section is allowed as a credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability applied
29 as provided in subdivisions (1) through (2), inclusive, of this subsection, and in that order.

30 (1) *Corporation net income taxes.* - The credit must first be applied to reduce the taxes
31 imposed by article twenty-four of this chapter for the taxable year.

32 (2) *Personal income taxes.* — After application of subdivision (1) of this subsection, any
33 unused credit is next applied as follows:

34 (A) If the person making the qualified investment is an electing small business corporation
35 (as defined in Section 1361 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), a
36 partnership, a limited liability company that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax
37 purposes, or a sole proprietorship, then any unused credit (after application of subdivision (1) of
38 this subsection) is allowed as a credit against the taxes imposed by article twenty-one of this
39 chapter on the income from business or other activity on income of a sole proprietor attributable to
40 the business.

41 (B) Electing small business corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships and
42 other unincorporated organizations shall allocate the credit allowed by this article among its
43 members in the same manner as profits and losses are allocated for the taxable year.

44 (3) A credit is not allowed under this section against any employer withholding taxes
45 imposed by article twenty-one of this chapter.

46 (e) *Unused credit.* — If any credit remains after application of subsection (d) of this section,
47 that amount is forfeited. A carryback to a prior taxable year is not allowed for the amount of any
48 unused portion of any annual credit allowance.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate requirement that the credit base be limited to wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades and specifying an effective date.

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