

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §11-13J-6, §11-13J-8, and §11-13J-12 of the Code of West Virginia,
 2 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the tax credit authorized under the provisions of
 3 the Neighborhood Investment Program Act and extending the program until July 1, 2026.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia

ARTICLE 13J. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROGRAM.

§ 11-13J-6. Application of annual credit allowance.

2 (a) *In general.* -- The aggregate annual credit allowance for a current tax year is an amount
 3 equal to the sum of the following:

- 4 (1) The portion allowed under section five of this article for an eligible contribution placed
 5 into service or use during a prior tax year; plus
- 6 (2) The portion allowed under section five of this article for an eligible contribution placed
 7 into service or use during the current tax year.

8 (b) *Application of credit allowance.* -- The amount determined under subsection (a) of this
 9 section shall be allowed as a credit for tax years ending on and after July 1, 1996, as follows:

10 (1) *Business franchise taxes.* --
 11 The amount determined under subsection (a) of this section shall be applied to reduce up to fifty
 12 percent of the taxes imposed by article twenty-three of this chapter for the tax year determined
 13 after application of the credits against tax provided in section seventeen of said article, but before
 14 application of any other allowable credits against tax.

15 (2) *Corporation net income taxes.* -- After application of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
 16 any unused credit shall next be applied to reduce up to fifty percent of the taxes imposed by article
 17 twenty-four of this chapter, for the tax year determined before application of allowable credits
 18 against tax.

19 (3) *Personal income taxes.* --

20 (A) If the eligible taxpayer is an electing small business corporation as defined in Section
 21 1361 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, a limited liability company treated as a

22 partnership for purposes of the federal income tax, a partnership or a sole proprietorship, then
23 any unused credit, after application of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, shall be allowed
24 as a credit against up to fifty percent of the taxes imposed by article twenty-one of this chapter on
25 income of proprietors, partners or shareholders, subject to the limitations set forth in paragraphs
26 (B) and (C) of this subdivision.

27 (B) Electing small business corporations, partnerships and other unincorporated
28 organizations shall allocate the credit allowed by this article among the members thereof in the
29 same manner as profits and losses are allocated for the tax year.

30 (C) Any taxpayer subject to the personal income tax under article twenty-one of this
31 chapter, who makes an eligible contribution to a qualified charitable organization, and receives
32 back from that organization a properly completed neighborhood investment program tax credit
33 voucher, is eligible to claim the credit. The credit shall be allowed without regard to the source of
34 that income, whether it is from wages, passive investment or retirement income, income from a
35 trade or business or any other source.

36 (c) *Unused credit forfeited.* -- If any credit to an eligible taxpayer remains after application
37 of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the amount thereof may be carried forward no more
38 than four years from the tax year in which the contribution was made. Unused credits of an eligible
39 taxpayer may not be carried forward beyond the time limits imposed under section five of this
40 article and the total maximum aggregate tax credits certified in any state fiscal year may not
41 exceed ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$5,000,000.

42 (d) *Addition of deductions, decreasing adjustments or decreasing modifications taken in*
43 *determining taxable income for which credit is taken.* -- Any deduction, decreasing adjustment or
44 decreasing modification taken by any taxpayer in determining federal taxable income which
45 affects West Virginia taxable income or in determining West Virginia taxable income under article
46 twenty-one or twenty-four of this chapter for the taxable year for any charitable contribution, or
47 payment or portion thereof, which qualifies as an eligible contribution under this article and for

48 which credit is claimed, shall be added to West Virginia taxable income in determining the tax
49 liability of the taxpayer under article twenty-one or twenty-four of this chapter, as appropriate,
50 before application of the credit allowed under this article for the taxable year.

51 (e) *Annual limit.* -- The aggregate annual credit allowance to any taxpayer may not exceed
52 \$100,000 in any tax year.

§ 11-13J-8. Total maximum aggregate tax credit amount.

53 (a) The amount of tax credits allowed under this article may not exceed ~~\$3,000,000~~
54 \$5,000,000 in any state fiscal year.

55 (b) Applications for project certification shall be filed with the West Virginia Development
56 Office. The West Virginia Development Office shall record the date each application is filed. All
57 complete and valid applications shall be considered for approval or disapproval in a timely manner
58 by the neighborhood assistance advisory board. The board may, in its discretion, consider
59 applications for approval or disapproval at special or interim meetings for expedited processing.

60 (c) When the total amount of tax credits certified under this article equals the maximum
61 amount of tax credits allowed, as specified in subsection (a) of this section, in any state fiscal
62 year, no further certifications shall be issued in that same fiscal year. Upon approval of a project
63 by the board, the Director of the West Virginia Development Office shall certify the approved
64 project unless certification is prohibited by the limitations and requirements set forth in this article.

65 (d) All applications filed in any state fiscal year and not certified during the state fiscal year
66 in which they are filed shall be null and void by operation of law on the last day of the state fiscal
67 year in which they are filed, and all applicants which elect to seek certification of a project plan
68 shall file anew on and after the first day of the succeeding state fiscal year.

§ 11-13J-12. Program evaluation; expiration of credit; preservation of entitlement.

70 Beginning on December 15, 2005, and every third year thereafter, the director shall
71 secure an independent review of the Neighborhood Investment Program created by this

72 article and present the findings to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance.
73 Unless sooner terminated by law, the Neighborhood Investment Program Act terminates
74 on July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026. There is no entitlement to the tax credit under this article for a
75 contribution made to a certified project after July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026, and no credit is available
76 to any taxpayer for any contribution made after that date. Taxpayers which have gained
77 entitlement to the credit pursuant to eligible contributions made to certified projects prior
78 to July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026, shall retain that entitlement and apply the credit in due course
79 pursuant to the requirements and limitations of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to extend the Neighborhood Investment Program Act to July 1, 2026 and to increase the allowable tax credit from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

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