



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 05, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 05, 2025, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

Members present: Delegates Barnhart, Campbell, Clark, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, DeVault, Dittman, Ellington, Garcia, Hamilton, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Statler, Stephens, Toney, Vance, Ward, B., White, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Chiarelli.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Statler, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

First on the Agenda is Reports from Subcommittees

Com. Sub. for [HB2167](#) Relating to public charter schools code provisions. Questions by Delegates. Report was received.

[HB2143](#) - Require elementary school teachers to be certified in the science of reading. Report was received.

[HB2513](#) - Enhancing training requirements for county boards of education members. Report was received.

[HB2516](#) -To repeal antiquated and inoperative portions of code. Report was received.

[HB2635](#) Presented by - To ensure that classroom sizes are equal without losing a teacher's aide. Questions by Delegates Vice Chair was recognized to move Committee Substitute for HB 2635 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred

Second on the Agenda is bills on Markup and Passage

[HB2166](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel - Establishing the behavioral health workforce education initiative at the Higher Education Policy Commission. No Questions were raised and no amendments. Vice Chair was recognized to move HB 2166 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Com. Sub. for [HB2190](#) Presented by Kylie Webber Committee Counsel- Including Potomac State College in the definition of community and technical college education program for participation in the "Learn and Earn Program" No questions and no amendments were raised. Vice Chair was recognized to move Committee Substitute for HB 2190 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass.

Com. Sub. for [HB2614](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel - To allow money paid to state employees to go to their estate if they pass away before their retirement date. Questions by Delegates Pushkin, Miller. No Amendments were raised. Vice Chair was recognized to move Committee Substitute for HB 2614 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred Committee on Finance.

Com. Sub. for [HB2411](#) Presented by Morgan Miller Committee Counsel - To provide and change graduation requirements and change duties relating to academic content standards. No Questions for counsel and no amendments were raised. Vice Chair was recognized to move Committee Substitute for HB 2411 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass.

Final on the Agenda is Committee Hearing

[HB2576](#) Presented by Delegate Statler - NIL Protection Act. Questions by Delegates Pushkin, Ellington, Hornby, Miller.

Agencies speaking on the bill were:

Travis Mollohan, Associate Vice President, Government Relations and Collaboration from WVU. Questions were asked by Delegates Garcia and Kimble.

Toney Stroud , Chief Legal Officer from Marshal University. No Questions were asked.

HB 2576 was advanced to mark up and discussion.

[HB2595](#) - Non-Profit Athletics Act Presented by Delegate Riley. Questions by Delegates Kimble, Pushkin, Willis.

Agencies speaking on the bill were:

Travis Mollohan, Associate Vice President, Government Relations and Collaboration from WVU. Questions were asked by Delegates Hornby, Ellington, Coop-Gonzalez, White.

Toney Stroud , Chief Legal Officer from Marshal University. Questions were asked by Delegates Ellington, Hornby.

HB 2595 was moved to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

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Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

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Stephanie Curry

Assistant Committee Clerk