



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 12, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 12, 2025, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Shamblin, Vance.

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:

[HB2528](#) To permit students in Christian schools at the elementary and middle school level to participate in county level sport tournaments

[HB2939](#) Remote Schools Support Act

[HB2773](#) Chair Ellington- Higher Ed Rules

[HB2855](#) - To define a statewide common definition of first-generation status for college admission

[HB2003](#) - Prohibiting Cell phones in class

[HB2499](#) - Training course for principals in public schools; informing teachers of their rights and protections; IEP format

[HB2760](#) - To allow for the implementation of Educational Software in West Virginia public schools

[HB2897](#) - Permitting the Legislative Auditor to conduct periodic performance and financial audits of the West Virginia Department of Education

[HB2973](#) - Regarding venue for legal actions against the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission

[HB3099](#) - Permitting law enforcement to issue a citation when students are caught with nicotine in schools

[HB3125](#) - To remove restrictions from teachers receiving permanent teaching licenses

[HB3166](#) - Requirements for School Safety Mapping Data

Final on the agenda is Committee Hearings for bills:

[HB2548](#) Presented by Delegate Hornby - To bring the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) under rulemaking review of the Legislature. Questions were asked by Delegates Pushkin. Dale Lee president of the WVEA spoke on the bill. Jim Brown for the West Virginia School Board also spoke on the bill. HB 2548 advanced to mark up and discussion.

[HB2755](#) Presented by Delegate Hornby - To provide that the West Virginia Board of Education may promulgate rules or policies to be submitted to the Legislature for review. Questions were asked by Delegates Pushkin, Willis HB 2755 advanced to markup and discussion.

[HB2773](#) Presented by Chair Ellington- Higher Ed Rules No Questions were asked. HB 2773 was advanced to markup and discussion.

[HB3024](#) Presented by Chair Ellington - Guaranteed course transfer bill Corley Dennison Vice Chair on WV HEPC spoke on the bill. Questions were asked from Delegate Hornby. HB 3024 was advanced to markup and discussion.

[HB3150](#) Presented by Chair Ellington - Health Science and Medical Student Loan Programs. No questions were asked on the bill. HB 3150 advanced to markup and discussion.

[HB3192](#) Presented by Chair Ellington - To repeal obsolete, conflicting or inoperative provisions of code that pertain to higher education. No Questions were asked on the bill. HB3192 was advanced to markup and discussion.

[HB3209](#) Presented by Delegate Statler- To provide at least one counselor for every 250 students in public schools and public charter schools in this state. Questions came from delegates Hornby. Dr Sonya White was called to the stand and questions were asked from Delegates Ellington, Hornby, Jennings, Miller, Dittman. Jim Brown spoke on the bill. Dr. Mickey Blackwell with the WV Principles Association spoke on the bill. Questions came from Jennings. Corley Dennison Vice Chair on WV HEPC spoke on the bill. HB 3209 advanced to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

Stephanie Curry

Assistant Committee Clerk