



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 18, 2025, 1:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 18, 2025, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Barnhart, Toney

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 are bills for mark up and Discussion

[HB2394](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel - Requiring teachers to wear a "mobile alert button" for emergency situations, to be known as "Alyssa's Law." No questions, No amendments. Vice chair recognized for a motion HB 2394 be moved to the House floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion adopted. Motion adopted.

Com. Sub for [HB2499](#) Presented by Morgan Mays Committee Counsel - Training course for principals in public schools; informing teachers of their rights and protections; IEP format. Questions were asked by Delegates Pushkin Roll call requested 23 yays, 0 nays, and 2 members absent. Vice chair recognized for a motion HB 2499 be moved to the House floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion adopted. Motion adopted.

Com. Sub. for [HB2939](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel- Remote Schools Support Act. Delegate Pushkin spoke on the bill. Vice chair recognized for a motion HB 2939 be moved to the House floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion adopted.

[HB3295](#) – Kylie Webber Committee Counsel- Troop- to-Teachers Vice chair recognized for a motion HB 3295 be moved to the House floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion adopted.

Final items on the agenda are Committee Hearings for HBs:

[HB2527](#) -Presented by Delegate Pritt To create a tuition reimbursement program for Corrections employees. Questions came from Delegates Ellington. HB 2527 advanced to markup and discussion.

[HB2610](#) Presented by Delegate Cooper - Tuition and fee exemptions for service-connected Disabled Veterans and their dependents. Questions came from Delegates Ellington, Hornby. HB 2610 was moved to mark up and discussion.

[HB2646](#) Presented by Delegate Gearheart- To permit students in eighth and ninth grade to attend summer school in order to raise their grades and establish academic eligibility to play sports in the fall. Questions came from Delegates Hornby, Crouse, Pushkin, Dittman, Willis, Kimble, Vance, Statler, Campbell, Mallow. Jim Brown asked to speak on HB2646. HB 2646 moved to markup and discussion.

[HB2777](#) -Presented by Delegate Crouse. Relating to removing requirements to submit certain evidence on behalf of home-schooled children. Questions came from Delegate Pushkin, Kevin Boden spoke on the bill as an attorney. Roy Ramey from the West Virginia Home Educators Association also spoke on the bill. HB 2777 Advanced to markup.

[HB2879](#) Presented by Delegate Holstein - Relating to the creation of the West Virginia Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Act. Questions came from Delegates Hornby, Coop-Gonzalez, Advanced to mark up and discussion.

[HB2958](#) Presented by Delegate Chiarelli - To clarify what constitutes trespassing at an institution of higher education. Questions came from Delegate Pushkin. HB 2958 Advanced to mark up and discussion

[HB3139](#) Presented by Delegate Coop-Gonzalez. Relating to charter schools' applications Questions came from Delegate Pushkin. HB 3139 Moved to mark up and discussion.

Eng. Com. Sub. for [SB199](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel- Relating to elementary behavior intervention and safety. Questions came from Delegates Pritt. Mr. Lee Spoke on the bill as well as Jim Brown. SB 199 was advanced to mark up and discussion.

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HB2737 is moved until tomorrow March 19, 2025

Eng. Com. Sub. for [SB283](#) -Presented by Morgan Mays Committee Counsel Expanding grade levels of personal finance course requirements needed for graduation. Bill advanced to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

Stephanie Curry

Assistant Committee Clerk