



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 19, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 19, 2025, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates .

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 Markup and Passage of House Bills and SBs

Com. Sub. for [HB2475](#) Presented by Morgan Mays Committee Counsel - To provide a raise for special education aides, as well as a raise for self-contained special education teachers. No questions were raised. Questions came from Delegate Pushkin. Vice chair recommended Com Sub for HB 2475 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion Adopted.

[HB2527](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel. To create a tuition reimbursement program for Corrections employees. No Questions were brought forth. Vice chair recommended HB 2527 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion Adopted.

Com. Sub. for [HB2610](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel - Tuition and fee exemptions for service-connected Disabled Veterans and their dependents. No Questions were brought forth. Vice chair recommended Com Sub for HB 2610 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Discussion came from Delegates Kimble and Pushkin. Motion Adopted.

[HB2646](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel- 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. Vice chair recommended 2646 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion Adopted.

Com Sub. for [HB2879](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel.- Relating to the creation of the West Virginia Math & Science Teacher Scholarship Act. No questions were raised. Vice chair recommended Com Sub for HB 2879 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion Adopted.

[HB2958](#) Presented by Kylie Webber Committee Counsel. To clarify what constitutes trespassing at an institution of higher education. Questions came from Delegates Coop-Gonzalez, Pushkin. Vice chair recommended HB 2958 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Motion Adopted.

Com. Sub. for [HB3139](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel - Relating to charter schools applications. Questions came from Delegates Pushkin. Vice chair recommended Com Sub for HB 3139 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion Adopted.

Com. Sub. for [HB3209](#) Presented by Morgan Mays Committee Counsel - 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, Pushkin, Miller, Statler, Coop-Gonzalez, Shamblin. Vice chair recommended Com Sub for HB 3209 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Motion Adopted.

[HB3313](#) Presented by Kylie Webber Committee Counsel - Providing more opportunities for high school students in community colleges. No questions were raised. Vice chair recommended HB 3313 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion Adopted.

Eng. Com. Sub. for [SB199](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel - Relating to elementary behavior intervention and safety. Questions came from Delegates Pushkin, Pritt. Strike and insert amendment was presented. Amendment adopted. Vice chair recommended Eng. Com. Sub for SB 199 as amended to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion Adopted.

Eng. Com. Sub. for [SB283](#) Presented by Morgan Mayes Committee Counsel - Expanding grade levels of personal finance course requirements needed for graduation. Amendment was presented. Amendment adopted. Vice chair recommended Eng. Com. Sub for SB 283 as amended to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion Adopted.

Final item on the agenda is Committee Hearings for House Bills:

[HB2087](#) Presented by Delegate Hillenbrand - Removing restrictions of taxpayers to access online curriculum and allow for taxpayers to inspect additional instructional material adopted by the county board pursuant to including books in the classroom. Questions came from Delegates Pritt, Pushkin, Stephens, Dittman. Michael Wyatt State Superintendent spoke on the bill. Jim Brown Spoke on the bill. Bill Advanced to Mark up and Discussion.

[HB2737](#) Presented by Delegate Willis - To establish the Higher Education Health and Aid Grant. Questions came from Delegates Coop-Gonzalez, Hornby, Dittman. Matt Turner HEPC spoke on the bill. Questions came from Coop-Gonzalez, Kimble, Willis. Kaitlyn Cook from the food bank spoke on the bill. Bill Advanced to Mark up and Discussion.

[HB3086](#) Presented by Michael Fitzwater Superintendent from Calhoun County Schools. - Establishing minimum student enrollment for school aid formula. Questions came from Delegates Campbell. Bill Advanced to Mark up and Discussion.

[HB3452](#) Presented by Delegate Ellington - Transferring administration of Advanced Career Education (ACE) classes and programs from county boards of education to community and technical colleges. Questions came from Delegates Shamblin, Statler, Dittman. Matt Turner Spoke on the Bill, Michael Wyatt spoke on the bill Charles Pack Director of Career Education for Raleigh County Schools spoke on the bill Questions came from Crouse, Hornby, Statler, Jennings Hamblin, Willis, Dittman. Colby Tomblin from Bridge Valley spoke on the bill Bill Advanced to Mark up and Discussion. Jenny Williams spoke on the bill. Three members of the public spoke on the bill. Advanced to mark up and discussion.

All Senate Bills Moved to tomorrow 3/20/2025

[SB275](#) - Removing requirement school cooks or custodians have high school diploma or equivalent

[SB280](#) - Displaying official US motto in public school

[SB282](#) - Modifying provisions for employment of retired teachers as substitutes in areas of critical need and shortage

[SB650](#) - Relating to full-time interventionists

On Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

Stephanie Curry

Assistant Committee Clerk