



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 20, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 20, 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: None.

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 House Bills for Markup and Passage:

Com. Sub. for [HB2355](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel- Permitting middle or high school students to participate in travel sports teams without repercussion. No questions were raised. Vice Chair was recognized for a motion on HB 2355 to be recommended to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. Delegates Jennings, Garcia, Crouse, Mallow, Willis spoke on the bill. Motion adopted.

Com. Sub. for [HB2737](#) Presented by Kylie Webber Committee Counsel- To establish the Higher Education Health and Aid Grant. No questions were raised. Vice Chair was recognized for a motion on HB 2737 to be recommended to the floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be recommended to the Committee on Finance. Motion Adopted.

[HB3387](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel - Relating to the creation of a regional school district pilot program. Questions came from Delegates Hornby, Pushkin, Vance, Ward Campbell, Barnhart. Vice Chair was recognized for a motion on HB 3387 to be recommended to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. Discussion came from Delegates Kimble, Barnhart, Crouse, Willis, Shamblin, Jennings, Vance, Mallow. Roll call was demanded 17 yays, 8 Nays with 0 members absent. Motion adopted.

Final on the agenda is Committee Hearings for House Bills:

[HB2528](#) Presented by Delegate Brooks To permit students in Christian schools at the elementary and middle school level to participate in county level sport tournaments. Questions came from Delegates Pushkin. Advanced to mark up and discussion.

[HB2651](#) Presented by Delegate Horst- Making administration employees at the local board of education at will and pleasure employees. Questions came from Delegates Hornby, Pritt, Willis, Shamblin, and Garcia. Jim Brown from West Virginia school board association spoke on the bill. Dale Lee from the WV education association spoke on the bill. Advanced to markup and discussion.

[HB2973](#) Presented by Delegate Campbell - Regarding venue for legal actions against the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Questions came from Delegate Pushkin, Willis, Hornby, Dittman, Miller, Stephens, Barnhart, T Clark. Advanced to mark up and discussion.

[SB275](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel- Removing requirement school cooks or custodians have high school diploma or equivalent. Questions came from Delegate Dittman, Garcia, Ellington Willis. Advanced to mark up and discussion.

[SB280](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel- Displaying official US motto in public schools. Questions came from Delegate Pushkin. Russel Williams from WV ACLU spoke on the bill. Advanced to mark up and discussion.

[SB282](#) Presented by Melissa White Committee Counsel - Modifying provisions for employment of retired teachers as substitutes in areas of critical need and shortage. Questions came from Delegate Miller. Sonya White Deputy State Super Intendent spoke on the bill. Questions came from Delegate Ellington. Advanced to mark up and discussion.

[SB650](#) Presented by Morgan Miller Committee Counsel. Relating to full-time interventionists. Questions came from Delegates Jennings, Statler, Willis, T Clark. Sonya White spoke on the bill. Advanced to mark up and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

Stephanie Curry

Assistant Committee Clerk