



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 25, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 25, 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:

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.

Items on the Agenda include House Bills for Markup and Passage

Com. Sub. for [HB2167](#) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel - Relating to public charter schools code provisions. Vice chair was recognized for a motion to move the Com. Sub HB 2167 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion adopted.

Com. Sub. for [HB3279](#) Presented by Kylie Webber Committee Counsel - Relating to requirements for WVU and WVSU Board of Governors. Questions came from Delegates Mallow who called Lesley Cottrell Professor from WVU and member of the Board of Governors for WVU to answer questions. Questions for Lesley came from Delegates Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Stephens. Vice chair was recognized for a motion to move the Com. Sub. HB 3279 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Discussion came from Delegates Mallow, Miller, Dittman, Hamilton, Pushkin. Roll call demanded 15 yays, 9 nos and 1 member absent. Motion adopted.

Com. Sub. for [HB3422](#) Presented by Morgan Mays Committee Counsel - Relating to requiring the State Board of Education to design, test, and deploy an internet-based reporting system to be known as the School Choice Portal. Vice chair was recognized for a motion to move the Com. Sub. HB 3422 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Motion adopted.

[HB3438](#) Presented by Melissa White- To allow retired teachers in long-term substitute positions with specialties in maths, sciences, English, and foreign languages to remain in the substitute teaching positions for the entire school year without interruption to their retirement pay in order to allow students to have a quality, uninterrupted education. Vice chair was recognized for a motion to move the HB3438 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Discussion came from Delegates Pushkin. Motion adopted.

[HB3446](#) Presented by Kylie Webber Committee Counsel - Requiring public high school students submit FAFSA prior to graduation. Questions came from Delegates Willis, Kimble, Garcia, Pushkin. Vice chair was recognized for a motion to move the HB3446 to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Discussion came from Delegates Statler, Kimble, Willis, Coop-Gonzalez, Dittman, Pritt, Roll call was demanded 14 yays, 9 nays and 2 members absent. Motion Adopted.

Bill Originating ([HB3507](#)) Presented by Morgan Mays Committee Counsel - Relating to Behavioral Health supports and qualified mental health specialist in schools. Questions came from Delegates Hornby. Vice Chair was recognized for a motion to move Bill Originating (HB 3507) be reported to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass. Discussion came from Delegates Pritt, Pushkin, Hamilton. Motion Adopted.

Bill Originating ([HB3508](#)) Presented by Aaron Kidd Committee Counsel. - Modifying the School Aid Formula. Questions came from Delegates Miller, Pushkin, Hornby, Vance. Vice Chair was recognized for a motion to move Bill Originating (HB 3507) be reported to the House Floor with recommendation that it do pass but first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Discussion came from Delegates Pritt, Pushkin, Hamilton. Motion Adopted.

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