



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Education

**Minutes for April 03, 2025, 2:40 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on April 03, 2025, 2:40 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegate Ward, B..

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.

The First item on the agenda for mark-up and passage was SB474. The Chairman recognized Aaron Kidd, Education Counsel, to explain the bill. The floor was open to members for questions of counsel. Delegates Pushkin and Hamilton asked questions. The Chairman then asked for amendments Mr. Kidd reported Hamilton Amendment #1 and Delegate Hamilton explained her amendment. With no discussion a roll call was sustained the amendment was adopted on a vote of 17 Yeas 7 Nays and 1 Absent. Mr. Kidd reported Hamilton Amendment #2 and Delegate Hamilton explained her amendment. Pursuant to Rule 113 Delegate Chiarelli asked if the amendment was germane. After standing at ease and in consultation with the House Clerk the Chair ruled the amendment germane. Delegate Hamilton closed on her amendment and the amendment was defeated on a voice vote. With no other amendments being offered Vice Chairman Statler move SB474 as amended to the floor with recommendation that it do pass but that it first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The floor was open for discussion. Delegates Pushkin and Hamilton made comments. With no further discussion a roll call was sustained and the bill passed on a vote of 15 Yeas 7 Nays and 3 Absent.

Next was SB765. The Chairman recognized Kylie Webber, Education Analyst, to explain the bill. The floor was then opened for questions of the analyst. Delegate Pushkin asked questions. With no further question and no amendments offered Vice Chairman Statler move SB765 to the floor with recommendation that it do pass but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. On a voice vote the motion was adopted. Vice Chair Statler asked that the Chairman request for the second reference to be waived, with no objection the Chairman indicated he would request the waiver.

Last on the agenda for mark-up and passage was SB547. The Chairman recognized Melissa White, Education Counsel, to explain the bill. The floor was open to members for questions of counsel. The Chairman then asked for amendments Ms. White reported an amendment by Delegate Pritt. Delegate Pritt explained his amendment. With no questions or discussion the amendment was adopted on a voice vote. With no other amendments being offered Vice Chairman Statler move SB547 as amended to the floor with recommendation that it do pass but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. On a voice vote the motion was adopted.

Moving to the Committee Hearing portion of the agenda the Chairman recognized Aaron Kidd, Education Counsel, to explain SB54. Following the explanation the floor was open for public comment and Ms. Lisa Hillenbrand gave comment. SB54 was then moved to mark-up and passage.

The Chairman recognized Morgan Miller, Education Analyst, to explain SB197. Following the explanation the floor was open for public comment and Ms. Monica Beane gave comment. SB197 was then moved to mark-up and passage.

The Chairman recognized Kylie Webber, Education Analyst, to explain SB548. Following the explanation the floor was open for public comment and Mr. Dale Lee, WVEA, gave comment. SB5448 was then moved to mark-up and passage.

With no further business and on a motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

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Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

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Melinda Ryan Swagger

Committee Clerk