



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for March 06, 2025, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on March 06, 2025, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Amos, Anders, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Hall, Hamilton, Heckert, Hite, Jeffries, Lewis, Masters, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Pushkin, Pinson, Rohrbach, Smith, Stephens, Vance, Willis, Worrell.

Members absent: None.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Hite, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Subcommittee reports received, as advanced from each subcommittee.

Vice Chair Hite moved HB 2402 - Relating to providing access to medical records; providing access to a minor's medical record (2<sup>nd</sup> REFJUD). Chair Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB2402. Chair Worrell called for questions of counsel. Chair Worrell called for amendments. Delegate Pushkin moved to amend. Pushkin amendment was rejected by 3 – 18 vote. Vice Chair Hite moved HB 2402 be reported to the floor, with the recommendation it do pass, but first be referred to the Judiciary. Delegate Pushkin moved to reject the motion. Pushkin motion failed. (The Judiciary Dispense Second Reference)

Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 2347 - Relating generally to the creation of mental hygiene regions by the Supreme Court of Appeals (2<sup>nd</sup> REFJUD). Chair Worrell recognized counsel to explain Com Sub for HB 2347. Chair Worrell called for questions of counsel. Chair Worrell called for amendments. There being no amendments, Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 2347 be reported to the floor, with the recommendation it do pass, but first it be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

Hearing: Delegate D. Kelly explained HB 2358 - Relating to postmortem examinations. Delegate Kelly answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Matt Izzo, Administrator, Office of the Medical Examiner. Mr. Izzo answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell advanced HB 2358 to markup.

Delegate Worrell explained HB 2172 - Relating to adding an athletic trainer to the Board of Physical Therapy. Delegate Worrell answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Dr. Zach Garrett, Program Director of the School of Health and Movement Sciences. There being no questions of Dr. Garrett, Chair Worrell advanced HB 2172 to markup.

Vice Chair Hite asked unanimous consent to roll and hear the following house bills together because of the similar nature. Delegate Crouse explained HB 2730 Relating to establishing a pilot program to develop a childcare program where the state, employer, and employee, contribute one-third of the total cost each, HB Creating the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership and HB Providing any employee working 20 hours or more per week in a licensed child care center or certified family child care (FCC) home is eligible for a child care subsidy, regardless of their household income. Members asking questions noted which house bill they were referring their question to. Delegate Crouse answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Janie Cole, Commissioner, Bureau for Family Services. Ms. Cole answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Brian Dayton, WV Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dayton answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Melissa Colagrosso, former Child Care business owner. Ms. Colagrosso answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell advanced HB 2730, HB 2731, and HB 2780 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

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Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

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Martha White

Administrator/Clerk