



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for March 18, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on March 18, 2025, 3:00 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.

Hearing:

Chair Worrell recognized Delegate Fehrenbacher to explain HB 2493 - Creating the Sound Science in Regulations Act. Delegate Fehrenbacher answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Mark Behrens, US Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Behrens answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Dr. Nathaniel Hitt, Sr. Scientist, WV Rivers Coalition. Dr. Hitt answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Jason Bostic, WV Coal Association. There being no other questions, Chair Worrell advanced HB 2493 to markup.

Chair Worrell recognized Delegate Worrell to explain HB 3343 - Relating to drugs and adding a provision relating to the scheduling of crystalline polymorph psilocybin approved by the Food and Drug Administration. Delegate Worrell answered questions of the committee. Chair Hite recognized and swore in Jason Webb, representing Compass Pathways. Mr. Webb answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell advanced HB 3343 to markup.

Chair Worrell recognized Delegate Chiarelli to explain HB 2410 - Safeguard the Right-To-Try Cutting-Edge Medicine Act (2nd REF JUD). There being no questions, Chair Worrell advanced HB 2410 to markup.

Chair Worrell recognized Delegate Browning to explain HB 3344 - Relating to the establishment of a grant program to fund the United States Food and Drug Administration's drug development trials with ibogaine. Delegate Browning answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell advanced HB 2410 to markup.

Chair Worrell recognized Delegate Chiarelli to explain HB 2378 - Prohibit needle exchanges from providing services in West Virginia (2nd REF JUD). Delegate Chiarelli answered

questions of the committee. Chair Worrell recognized and swore in Lindsey Acree, Pharmacists. Ms. Acree answered questions of the committee.

Passage:

Vice Chair Hite moved 3277- Relating to defining terms for the West Virginia Hospital Finance Authority Act. Chair Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 3277. Chair Worrell called for questions of counsel. No questions of counsel. Chair Worrell called for amendments. There being no amendments, Vice Chair Hite moved HB 3277 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Hite moved SB 460 - Relating to vaccine requirements. Chair Worrell recognized counsel to explain. Vice Chair Hite moved the strike and insert number three for SB 460. Counsel explains. Counsel answered questions of the committee. Chair Worrell called for amendments to the amendment. Amendment #1 Delegate Burkhammer moved to amend the amendment. Delegate Burkhammer moves to amend the amendment on page 3, line 65 by striking subdivision (2) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (2) to read as

follows:

“(2) A licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant whose actions under this section are taken in good faith is immune from civil liability related to the statement issued pursuant to this subsection, unless his or her actions were the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.” Amendment #1 Adopted.

Amendment #2 Delegate Drennan moves to amend the amendment on page 3, line 67, by inserting the following:

“(3) A licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner who provides a written statement as set forth in this subsection shall report to the state health office the number of children granted an exemption from compulsory immunizations and the county in which that child resides. The State Health Officer shall report such information annually by December 1, to the Joint Committee on Health. Amendment #2 Adopted.

Amendment # 3 Delegate Amos moves to amend the amendment on page 3, line 62 by striking subdivision (1) in its entirety and renumbering the remaining subdivisions accordingly. Amendment #3 Rejected.

Amendment #4 Delegate Amos moves to amend the amendment on page 3, line 58, by striking, “a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner” and inserting in lieu thereof, “a licensed West Virginia physician, who is board certified in pediatrics or family medicine” And on page 3, line 62, and on page 3, line 65. Division was called and amendment #4 was rejected by a vote of 18 No - 7 Yes. Amendment #4 Rejected.

Amendment #5 Delegate Pushkin moves to amend the amendment on page 4, line 72, by inserting the following:

“(i) All public, private, and parochial schools, and all state-regulated childcare centers, shall create and maintain a report containing the following:

- (1) The number of students enrolled in the school, or of children enrolled in the childcare center, who have been granted an exemption from vaccination under this section; and
- (2) The percentage of students enrolled in the school, or of children enrolled in the childcare center, who have been granted an exemption from vaccination under this

section.

(j) The report required under subsection (i) shall:

- (1) Be updated by October 1 of each calendar year; and
- (2) Be posted and available to the public online.

(k) No personal identifying or personal health information of any individual shall be included in the report required under subsections (i) and (j) of this section.” Division was called and amendment #5 was rejected by a 18 no – 7 yes vote. Amendment #5 rejected.

Vice Chair Hite moves Strike and Insert as amended. Roll call was called. the roll call vote was adopted by a 24 Yea – 1 No. Strike and insert as amended Adopted.

Vice Chair Hite moved SB 460 as amended be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Roll call was called. SB 406 as amended was adopted by a 18 – 7 roll call vote.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

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Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

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Martha White

Administrator/Clerk