



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Human Services

Minutes for February 19, 2025, 4:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Human Services met on February 19, 2025, 4:00 PM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Burkhammer, Hall, Hamilton, Heckert, Hite, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Pinson, Willis

Members absent: None

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

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

Vice Chair Mazzocchi moved Com Sub for HB 2033 - Relating to foster or adoption parents sincerely held religious or moral beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity (2nd REF JUD). Chair Burkhammer recognized counsel to explain Com Sub for HB 2033. Chair Burkhammer called for amendments, Delegate Hamilton moved to amend. Delegate Hamilton's amendment was rejected. Vice Chair Mazzocchi moved Com Sub for 2033 be reported to the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Mazzocchi moved HB 2376 - Exempting foster parents from having to show proof of vaccination. Chair Burkhammer recognized counsel to explain HB 2376. Chair Burkhammer called for amendments. No amendments heard. Delegate Hite requested a leave of committee, to hear from Lorie Bragg Lawrence, Commissioner, WV Bureau for Social Services. Chair Burkhammer recognized and swore in Ms. Bragg Lawrence. Ms. Bragg Lawrence answered questions of the committee. Vice Chair Mazzocchi moved Com Sub for HB 2376 be reported to the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

On Motion of Delegate Mazzocchi the committee adjourned.

Adam Burkhammer

Committee Chair

Martha White

Administrator/Clerk