



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 19, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

Members present: Delegates Akers, Butler, Ferrell, Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Hansen, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kelly, D., Kimble, Kump, Mallow, Marple, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Zatezalo

Members absent: Delegates Martin, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B.

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Akers recognized the clerk for purposes of receiving subcommittee reports:

The House Subcommittee on Courts has had under consideration House Bill 2042 and reports the same back to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Courts has had under consideration House Bill 2066 and reports the same back, with amendment, to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

**House Bill 2363**, Clarifying the groups of persons to whom the criminal prohibitions related to child pornography are inapplicable when such persons are performing their official or employment duties

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for the bill to lie over one day. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the bill will lie over one day.

**House Bill 2042**, Relating to allowing a guardian ad litem to request the appointment of a court appointed special advocate

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Burkhammer as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Burkhammer. Questions from the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Ms. Shanna Gray, Executive Director, West Virginia CASA Association, provided remarks to the committee. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**House Bill 2491**, Relating to conditions on holding online raffles

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Crouse as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Burkhammer. Questions from the committee members followed. With leave of the committee, Delegate Statler, provided remarks to the committee. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**House Bill 2066**, Creating a crime for the destruction of first responder equipment

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Kyle as a cosponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Kyle. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the committee adjourned.

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Delegate JB Akers  
Chairman

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Mr. Daniel Osborne  
Senior Clerk