



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 20, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Thursday, February 20, 2025, 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

Members present: Delegates Butler, Ferrell, Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Hansen, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kelly, D., Kimble, Mallow, Marple, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo, and Chairman Akers

Members absent: Delegates Kump, Martin

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

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

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

The House Subcommittee on Legal Services has had under consideration House Bill 2047 and reports back a Committee Substitute therefor to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

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

Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion. Vice-Chairman Maynor moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute in lieu of the introduced version. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for House Bill 2042 to the floor with the recommendation that it be do pass. 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 committee substitute will be reported as moved.

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

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Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for House Bill 2066 to the floor with the recommendation that it be do pass. 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 committee substitute will be reported as moved.

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

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Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report Committee Substitute for House Bill 2363 to the floor with the recommendation that it be do pass. 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 committee substitute will be reported as moved.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 2047, Prohibiting cameras and recording devices in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Burkhammer as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Burkhammer. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 2123, Modifying the criminal penalties imposed on a parent, guardian or custodian for child abuse

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Smith, D. as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Smith, D. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

House Bill 2170, Allowing volunteer fire departments to use fire protection funding for certain purchases

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

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor the committee adjourned.

Delegate JB Akers
Chairman

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk