



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for February 21, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on February 21, 2025, 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

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

Members absent: Martin

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 Legal Services has had under consideration House Bill 2400 and reports the same back, with amendment, to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

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

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 for the committee substitute in lieu of the version reported from the Subcommittee on Legal Services. 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 for the committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute for the committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the committee substitute for 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 the Committee Substitute for House Bill 2047 to the floor with the recommendation that it 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 for the committee substitute will be reported as moved.

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

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 2123 to the floor with the recommendation that it 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 2170, Allowing volunteer fire departments to use fire protection funding for certain purchases

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. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. Without objection, Mr. Kenneth Tyree, State Fire Marshall, answered questions from the committee members. 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 2170 to the floor with the recommendation that it 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 2400, Prohibiting the delivery of unsolicited absentee ballot applications to any person who has not specifically requested one from the county clerk

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

House Bill 2628, To make an attack on a K-9 officer a felony

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Riley as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Riley. 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