



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for March 07, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on Friday, March 07, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

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

Members absent: Heckert.

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 2067 and reports the same back, with amendment, to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Legal Services has had under consideration House Bill 3017 and reports the same back to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The House Subcommittee on Homeland Security has had under consideration House Bill 2881 and reports the same back to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

### **House Bill 2131**, Relating to changing the process of election litigation

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Mallow for purposes of making a motion. Delegate Mallow moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute for the bill. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for consideration of the proposed committee substitute. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the proposed committee substitute.

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the proposed committee substitute. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the proposed committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Mallow for purposes of making a motion.

Delegate Mallow moved to report Committee Substitute for House Bill 2131 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 to report the committee substitute for

the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the committee substitute for the bill to be reported as moved.

**House Bill 2164**, To allow for public and private schools in West Virginia to employ security personnel  
Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Mallow for purposes of making a motion. Delegate Mallow moved for the committee to consider the proposed committee substitute for the committee substitute for the bill. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for consideration of the proposed committee substitute. The motion was adopted and the committee proceeded to consideration of the proposed committee substitute.

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

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 2164 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to report the committee substitute for the committee substitute for the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the committee substitute for the committee substitute for the bill to be reported as moved.

**House Bill 2351**, Relating to compensation for panel attorneys

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

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 2351 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 to report the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

**House Bill 2067**, West Virginia Firearms Liability Clarification Act

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

**House Bill 2881**, Relating to the makeup of the State Police Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations  
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Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Burkhammer as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Burkhammer regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

**House Bill 3017, Compliance Audits of Tabulating Equipment**

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Moore as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of Delegate Moore regarding the bill. 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  
Committee Chair

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Mr. Daniel Osborne  
Senior Clerk