



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Courts

Minutes for January 30, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Courts met on January 30, 2026, 9:45 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Shamblin, Fluharty, Marple, Ward, B., Zatezalo.

Members absent: Delegates Mallow, Flanigan, Funkhouser, Roop.

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

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

Markup and Passage

The committee considered House Bill 4603 - Relating to the creation of the process of obtaining and adjudicating a pre-adjudicatory alternative disposition. On motion of Delegate Zatezalo, the bill was amended. After explanation by counsel and questions, on motion of Delegate Zatezalo, House Bill 4603, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 4755 - Adding Aggravated Vehicular Homicide to the list of qualifying offenses. On motion of Delegate Zatezalo, the bill was amended. After explanation by counsel and questions, on motion of Delegate Zatezalo, House Bill 4755, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4893 - Increase the penalties for contempt of court in a magistrate court. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Stephens, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chairman Shamblin advanced consideration to Markup and Passage.

On Motion of Delegate Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

Phil Mallow

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk