



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Subcommittee on Courts

### Minutes for February 11, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Courts met on February 11, 2026, 9:45 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Mallow, Shamblin, Flanigan, Funkhouser, Marple, Ward, B..

Members absent: Delegates Fluharty, Roop, Zatezalo.

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

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

#### Markup and Passage

The committee considered House Bill 4712 - Increasing the criminal penalties for DUI causing death and DUI offenses for minors, to be known as "Baylea's Law." After explanation of the bill by counsel and questions, on motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4712, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

#### Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5197 - Relating to Civil Action to Set Aside a Tax Deed. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Shamblin, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5197 to Markup and Passage.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5214 - Relating to drug testing of parents who have had abuse and/or neglect claims substantiated against them prior to reunification. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Heckert, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5214 to Markup and Passage.

On Motion of Delegate Shamblin the committee adjourned.

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Phil Mallow

Committee Chair

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Drew Constable

Clerk