



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Education

### Minutes for February 18, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on February 18, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

Members present: Delegates Statler, Toney, Hamilton, Garcia, Bell, Campbell, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Dittman, Ellington, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Parsons, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Stephens, Ward, B., White.

Members absent: Delegates Chiarelli, Vance, Willis.

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

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

The next item on the agenda was subcommittee reports. Chairman Statler recognized Delegate Campbell, Chair of the Public Education Subcommittee, for the purpose of giving subcommittee reports.

The next item on the agenda was markup and discussion of **H. B. 4591**, To recognize School Athletic Directors who have achieved a nationally recognized professional certification through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). Aaron Kidd, Committee Counsel, explained the bill. Following their presentation, the Chair opened the committee for questions to Counsel and then asked if there were any amendments. Hearing none, the Chair recognized the Vice-Chair for a motion. The Vice-Chair moved **House Bill 4591** be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was markup and discussion for **H. B. 4693**, To declassify Community and Technical Education ("CTE") teaching positions to allow for counties to provide additional funding for certain positions. The Chair recognized the Vice-Chair for a motion to consider the proposed committee substitute for the bill. Without any objection to the motion, Melissa White, Committee Counsel, explained the committee substitute for the bill. Following their explanation, the Chair opened the meeting to questions for counsel. The Chair then asked for any amendments. Hearing none, the Chair recognized the Vice-Chair, who moved that Committee Substitute for **House Bill 4693** be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **H. B. 4798**, Requiring teachers to wear a "mobile alert button" for emergency situations, to be known as "Alyssa's Law." The Chair recognized the sponsor, Delegate Pinson, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Will Hosaflook, Jackson County Schools superintendent and President of the West Virginia Association of School Administrators (WVASA), to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **H. B. 5110**, Amend section providing for waiver of tuition and fees for older persons auditing certain college classes. The Chair recognized the sponsor, Delegate Rohrbach, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

With no further business before the committee, on motion of Delegate Toney the committee adjourned.

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Joe Statler  
Committee Chair

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Ethan Hatfield  
Committee Clerk