



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 02, 2026, 1:50 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 02, 2026, 1:50 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

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

Members absent: None.

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 committee hearing of **H. B. 5669**, Prohibiting the home schooling of children in certain circumstances. The Chair recognized the sponsor, Delegate Fluharty, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Roy Ramey II, WV Home Educators Association President, to speak to the bill. Then the Chair recognized Dale Lee, President of the West Virginia Education Association, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion. Then the Vice-Chair moved to suspend the rules to take up **H. B. 5669** for immediate consideration and markup, for which a roll call vote was taken and recorded. There were 17 yeas and 8 nays: Delegates Bell, Campbell, Chiarelli, Dittman, Garcia, Hamilton, Hornby, Mallow, Parsons, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Stephens, Toney, Vance, Willis, and Chairman Statler all answered yea; Delegates Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Ellington, Jennings, Kimble, Miller, Ward, and White answered nay. With 2/3 of members present voting in the affirmative, the motion was adopted.

With the adoption of the suspension of the rules, the next item on the agenda was markup and discussion of **H. B. 5669**, Prohibiting the home schooling of children in certain circumstances. The Vice-Chair moved 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, of which there were 3. The first amendment was Delegate Hornby's and Delegate Crouse's, which passed. The second amendment was Delegate Hornby's, which passed. The third amendment was Delegate Crouse's, which passed. After the three amendments were discussed and approved, the Chair recognized the Vice-Chair, who moved that Committee Substitute for **House Bill 5669** as amended be reported to the floor with the

recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, for which a waiver was requested. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **S. B. 155**, Relating to adjunct teaching permits. Morgan Miller, Committee Analyst, explained the bill. Then the Chair recognized Drew McClanahan, Legislative and Policy Officer for the WV Department of Education, to speak to and answer questions of the bill. Upon the arrival of the bill's sponsor, the Chair recognized the Senator Grady to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Dale Lee, President of the West Virginia Education Association, to speak to the bill. Then the Chair recognized Howard O'Cull, Executive Director of the West Virginia School Board Association, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **Committee Substitute for S. B. 694**, Removing county residency requirement for county superintendent of schools. The Chair recognized the sponsor, Senator Grady, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Howard O'Cull, Executive Director of the West Virginia School Board Association, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **S. B. 802**, Relating to school preparation days. The Chair recognized the sponsor, Senator Grady, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Dale Lee, President of the West Virginia Education Association, to speak to the bill. Then the Chair recognized David Gladkosky, Executive Director of WV Professional Educators, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

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

Joe Statler

Committee Chair

Ethan Hatfield

Committee Clerk