



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for January 20, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on January 20, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Worrell, Hite, Pushkin, Hamilton, Amos, Anders, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Hall, Heckert, Jeffries, Lewis, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Pinson, Rohrbach, Smith, Stephens, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Vance, Watt.

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

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

Markup and Passage:

HB 4022 - CPS Allocation

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 4022. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4022 and stated there was a Com Sub for HB 4022 at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 4022. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain the Com Sub for HB 4022. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There was none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments; there were no amendments. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of Com. Sub for HB 4022, and to be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Chairman Worrell called for discussion. There was none. The motion carried.

HB 4354 - Relating to necessity allowance (2nd REF FIN)

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Committee Hearing:

HB 4390 - Relating to the temporary payment to a kinship parent of a subsidy equal to that of a foster parent (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Burkhammer recognized to explain HB 4390. Delegate Burkhammer answered questions of the committee. By leave of committee, Delegate Hite asked to hear from the Children's Home Society. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Julia Kessler, Director of Social Services. Ms. Kessler answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Lori Bragg, Commissioner, Bureau of Social Services. (Ms. Bragg was previously sworn in). Ms. Bragg answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4390 to markup and discussion.

HB 4393 - Requiring the development and implementation of statewide prevention plan

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Burkhammer recognized to explain HB 4393. Delegate Burkhammer answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4390 to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned. (4:45PM)

Evan Worrell
Committee Chair

Martha White
Administrator