



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for January 21, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on January 21, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Worrell, Hite, Hamilton, Amos, Anders, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Heckert, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Stephens, Watt, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Pushkin, Hall, Jeffries, Lewis, Pinson, Rohrbach, Smith, Vance.

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.

Committee Hearing:

**H.B. 4215, H. B. 4216, H. B. 4217, H. B. 4218, H. B. 4219, H. B. 4220, H. B. 4221, H. B. 4222,**

**H. B. 4223, H. B. 4224, H. B. 4225, H. B. 4226, H. B. 4227, H. B. 4228 and H. B. 4229**

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite for a motion. Vicechair Hite asked for unanimous consent for all bills on the agenda promulgating rules be taken up for immediate consideration and advanced to markup and discussion. Unanimous consent granted. Chairman Worrell recognized, Vicechair Hite moved the committee substitute for HB4215. Chairman Worrell recognized Counsel to explain the house rules bundle, HB 4216 through HB 4229 which are incorporated into HB 4215, with an explanation of each, as follows: submitted the following report, which was received:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4215** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 et seq. of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 et seq. of the Code, and to amend the Code by adding thereto a new article, designated §64-5C-1; relating to authorizing certain agencies of the Department of Health, the Office of Inspector General, and the Department

of Health Facilities to promulgate legislative rules; authorizing the rules as filed, as modified, as amended, and as amended and modified by the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to water well regulations; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to lead abatement licensing; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to emergency medical services; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees for services; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to clinical laboratory practitioner licensure; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to distribution of state funds for support of local boards of health; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to basic public health service standards for local boards of health; authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to diabetes self-management education; and authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the exemption from Certificate of Need; authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to nursing home licensure; authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to delegation of medication administration and health maintenance tasks to approved medication assistive personnel; authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to assisted living residences; authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to syringe services program licensure; authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to behavioral health centers licensure; and authorizing the Department of Health Facilities to promulgate a legislative rule relating to patient rights at state-operated mental health facilities," Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered a question. Chairman Worrell called for amendments. There being none, Chairman recognized Vicechair Hite moved to adopt the language of the committee substitute for HB 4215. Motion carried. Chairman called for discussion, there being

none, called on the Vicechair. Vicechair Hite moved Committee Substitute for HB 4215 be sent to the floor with the recommendation it do pass.

**H. B. 4299**, Relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Board of Optometry (2<sup>nd</sup> EF JUD)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite to move HB 4299. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4299. Counsel explained HB4299. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vicechair Hite moved to report HB 4299 to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

**H. B. 4300**, Relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to oral pharmaceutical certificates (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite to move HB 4300. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4300. Counsel explained HB4300. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vicechair Hite moved to report HB 4300 to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

**H. B. 4301**, Relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to schedule of fees (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite to move HB 4301. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4301. Counsel explained HB 4301. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vicechair Hite moved to report HB 4301 to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

**H. B. 4302**, Relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure by reciprocity (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite to move HB 4302. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4302. Counsel explained HB 4302. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vicechair Hite moved to report HB 4302 to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

**H. B. 4303**, Relating to authorizing the Board of Optometry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite to move HB 4303. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4303. Counsel explained HB 4303. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vicechair Hite moved to report HB 4303 to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned. (3:46)

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Evan Worrell  
Committee Chair

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Martha White  
Administrator