



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for January 28, 2026, 3:40 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on January 28, 2026, 3:40 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, Mazzocchi, Miller, Pinson, Rohrbach, Stephens, Watt, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Lewis, Petitto, 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.

### **HB 4740 - Statutory Commitments in Rural Health Transformation Program**

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 4740. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4740 and stated there was a Com. Sub. for HB 4740 at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 4740. Counsel was recognized to explain Com Sub for HB 4740. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel; counsel answered a question for Delegate Pushkin. Chairman Worrell called for amendments; there were no amendments. Chairman Worrell called for discussion recognized Delegate Pushkin for discussion. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of Com Sub for HB 4740 and be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. The motion carried.

Originating Bill (HB 4951 – Relating to Continuing Education; requiring the completion of continuing medical education credits in nutrition; and providing rule making authority.)

Vice Chair Hite asked for unanimous consent to hear and markup the originating bill on the same day. Motion carried. Vice Chair Hite moved the Originating Bill. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain the Originating Bill. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel; counsel answered a question of Delegate Pushkin. Chairman Worrell called for discussion; there being none. Vice Chair Hite moved the Originating Bill be referred to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. The motion carried.

### **HB 4629 - Relating to medical cessation treatment and research**

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite; to move moved HB 4629. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4629. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel; there were no questions. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vice Chair Hite moved HB 4629 be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. The motion carried.

**Committee Hearing:**

**HB 4641** - Relating to codifying the guidelines for nutritionally adequate school breakfasts and lunches (**2<sup>nd</sup> REF FIN**) (Worrell)

Vice Chair Hite recognized Delegate Worrell to explain HB 4641. Delegate Worrell answered questions of the committee. Vice Chair Hite advanced HB 4629 to markup.

**HB 4770** - Establishing limitations on the use of artificial intelligence and artificial intelligence technology to deliver mental health care, with exceptions for administrative support functions (**2<sup>nd</sup> REF FIN**) (Worrell)

Vice Chair Hite recognized Delegate Worrell to explain HB 4770. Delegate Worrell answered questions of the committee. By leave of committee Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Juliet Terry, speaking on behalf of WV Counseling Association and the WV Licensed Professional Counselors Association. Ms. Terry answered questions of the committee. Vice Chair Hite advanced HB 4770 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

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Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

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Martha White

Administrator