



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

### Minutes for February 12, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 12, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

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

Members absent: Delegates Anders, Jeffries, Miller, Smith.

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.

#### **Reports advanced from Sub Committees:**

HB 4413 - Making syringe exchange service programs unlawful (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD)

HB 4067 - Providing any employee working 20 hours or more per week in a licensed child care center or certified family child care (FCC) home is eligible for a child care subsidy, regardless of their household income (2<sup>nd</sup> REF FIN)

#### **Markup and Passage:**

**HB 4599** - Relating to the WV Cares background check variance process (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 4599. Chairman Worell recognized counsel to explain HB 4599 and stated there is a committee substitute at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved the com sub for HB 4599. Counsel explained com sub for HB 4599. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered a few questions of the members. Chairman Worrell called amendments. There were no amendments. Chairman Worrell called for discussion. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of the com sub for HB 4599 and be sent to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Motion carried. (2<sup>nd</sup> waiver dispense form sent to the Judiciary).

**HB 5086** - Relating to peer support teams, peer support services, and generally allowing for privileged testimonial communications between a peer support team member and an individual receiving peer support services or advice from the team member. (2<sup>nd</sup> REF JUD)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 5086. Chairman Worell recognized counsel to explain HB 5086 and stated there is a committee substitute at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved the com sub for HB 5086. Counsel explained com sub for HB 4599. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered a few questions of the members. Chairman Worrell called amendments. There

were no amendments. Chairman Worrell called for discussion. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of the com sub for HB 5086 and be sent to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

**HB 5379** - To require payment by insurers directly to the out-of-network emergency medical services agency and the prompt payment of clean claims. (2<sup>nd</sup> REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 5379. Chairman Worell recognized counsel to explain HB 5379 and stated there is a committee substitute at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved the com sub for HB 5379. Counsel explained com sub for HB 5379. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered a few questions of the members. Chairman Worrell called amendments. There were no amendments. Chairman Worrell called for discussion. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of the com sub for HB 5379 and be sent to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first be referred to the committee on the Finance. Motion carried.

### **Committee Hearing**

**HB 5345** - To require childcare subsidy payments in West Virginia to be based on enrollment rather than daily attendance (Dittman)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Drennan to explain HB 5345. Delegate Drennan answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Jackie Branch, Director, Kidz & Company Day Care. Ms. Branch answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Janie Cole, DoHS, Family Assistance. Ms. Cole answered questions of the committee. (Ms. Cole was previously sworn in.) Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5345 to markup.

**HB 4067** - Providing any employee working 20 hours or more per week in a licensed child care center or certified family child care (FCC) home is eligible for a child care subsidy, regardless of their household income (2<sup>nd</sup> REF FIN) (Crouse)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Crouse to explain HB 4067. Delegate Crouse had no questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5345 to markup.

**HB 4517** - To maximize the utility and accessibility of West Virginia's child care tax credit for employers (2<sup>nd</sup> REF FIN) (Brooks)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Brooks to explain HB 4517. Delegate Brooks had no questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4517 to markup.

**HB 4782** - Sustainable Child-serving Workforce and Foster Care Modernization Act (Burkhammer)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Burkhammer to explain HB 4782. Delegate Drennan answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Mark Drennan, Vice President, National Youth Advocacy Program. Mr. Drennan answered questions of the committee. (Mr. Drennan was previously sworn in.) Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4782 to markup.

**HB 4730** - Developing a Contiuum of Independent Living and Transitional Support Services for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care (Burkhammer)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Burkhammer to explain HB 4730. Delegate Burkhammer answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Julia Kesler, Children's Home Society. Ms. Kesler answered questions of the committee. (Ms. Kesler was previously sworn in.) Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4730 to markup.

**HB 5730 - Relating to pharmaceutical benefits (Worrell)**

Vice Chairman Hite recognized Delegate Worrell to explain HB 5430. Delegate Worrell answered questions of the committee. Vice Chairman Hite recognized Matt Walker, representing Independent Pharmacracy's. Mr. Walker answered questions of the committee. (Mr. Walker was previously sworn in.) Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5730 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned. (6:06 PM)

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Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

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Martha White

Administrator