



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for January 19, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on January 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

Members present: Delegates Fluharty, Hansen, Butler, Ferrell, Flanigan, Funkhouser, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Kump, Mallow, Marple, Martin, Masters, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo, and Chairman Akers.

Members absent: None.

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### **House Bill 4352**, Prohibiting cameras and recording devices in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. There being no amendments offered, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 4352 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to report the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

### **House Bill 4358**, Establishing pilot program for Public Guardian Ad Litem Services

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers called for amendments to the bill. There being no amendments offered, Chairman Akers recognized Vice-Chairman Maynor for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Maynor moved to report House Bill 4358 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Chairman Akers called for discussion on the motion. Chairman Akers put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion to report the bill. The motion was adopted and Chairman Akers ordered the bill to be reported as moved.

**House Bill 4433, Prohibiting Human Smuggling and Trafficking**

Chairman Akers recognized Delegate Ridenour as the lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Akers called for questions for Delegate Ridenour regarding the bill. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the committee adjourned.

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Delegate JB Akers  
Committee Chair

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Mr. Daniel Osborne  
Senior Clerk