



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Subcommittee on Public Education

### Minutes for February 05, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Public Education met on February 05, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

Members present: Delegates Campbell, Bell, Coop-Gonzalez, Ellington, Hamilton, Jennings, Miller, Pritt, Stephens, Ward, B..

Members absent: None.

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

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

The next item on the agenda was markup and discussion for **H. B. 4485**, but due to the sponsor of the next bill on the agenda needing to go to another committee meeting, without any objections the committee moved to committee hearing for **H. B. 4395**, All investigations into allegations of child safety violations and child welfare risks continue for all school personnel regardless of whether the accused moved to a different job or school. This pertains to schools and school boards. Chairman Campbell recognized Delegate Drennan to explain the bill. Following her presentation the Chairman opened the meeting for questions for the sponsor. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion.

Then the committee moved back to the previous item on the agenda, markup and discussion for **H. B. 4485**, Allow education employees to donate sick leave to co-workers for maternity leave. The Chair recognized Morgan Miller, Education Analyst, to explain the bill. The Chair then recognized Vice Chair Stephens for a motion to consider the strike and insert amendment to the bill, and with no objections Morgan Miller explained the strike and insert. Then the chair opened the committee to questions, and then the Chair asked if there were any amendments to the amendment. Hearing none, by a voice vote the committee voted on adoption of the amendment, and it was adopted. The Vice Chair then moved that **H. B. 4485**, as amended, be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it is first reported to the Standing Committee on Education. After discussion of the bill, by voice vote the committee voted affirmatively on the motion, and the bill was to be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass.

With no further business before the committee, on Motion of Delegate Stephens the committee adjourned.

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Jeff Campbell

Committee Chair

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Ethan Hatfield

Subcommittee Clerk