



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Finance

Minutes for March 31, 2025, 3:50 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Finance met on March 31, 2025, 3:50 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Barrett, Roberts, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Takubo, Thorne, Woodrum, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Boley, Martin

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

On motion of Senator Roberts, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 834 – Relating to tax credit for qualified rehabilitated buildings investment

Phillip Childs, Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute for committee substitute and to answer questions from the committee. The Chairman moved to agree to the language of the committee substitute for committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 834 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Senate Bill 933 – Creating Small Business Protection Act

Jeff Johnson, Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute, and answer questions from the committee. The Chairman moved to agree to the language of the committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 933 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Senate Bill 89 – Creating alternative high-risk population public charter schools

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill and to answer questions from the committee. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Senate Bill 89 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Senate Bill 163 – Including certain mental health disorders in existing public health programs

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill and answer questions from the committee. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Senate Bill 163 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Senate Bill 252 - Requiring coverage of home blood pressure monitoring devices for certain Medicaid recipients

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill and answer questions from the committee. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Senate Bill 252 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 604 – Requiring Department of Human Services to notify PSC that person is eligible for discount on utility bills

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill and answer question from the committee. Jane Marks, representing AARP, Abbey Reale, representing First Energy, and Sammy Gray, representing Appalachian Power, were also recognized to answer additional questions from the committee. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 604 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion rejected.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 639 Creating WV Small Business Appreciation and Acknowledgement Act

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute for committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. Mark Muchow, Deputy Secretary, West Virginia Department of Revenue, was also recognized for additional questions. The Chairman moved to agree to the language of the committee substitute for committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 639 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 755 – Establishing WV Secondary School Athletic Trainer and Career Technical Education Program Act

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute for committee substitute and to answer questions from the committee. Sonya White, Deputy Superintendent, West Virginia Department of Education, was also recognized for additional questions. The Chairman moved to agree to the language of the committee substitute for committee substitute. The motion carried. The Vice Chairman moved adoption of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 755 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion rejected.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 723 – Relating to clinical inpatient medical treatment centers for substance use disorder

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. Senator Helton was recognized to answer additional questions. Senator Takubo was recognized for an amendment. The motion passed. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 723 as amended with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 726 – Relating to medication assisted treatment programs

Counsel Johnson was recognized to explain the bill, the proposed committee substitute for committee substitute, and to answer questions from the committee. Dr. Kari Law, WVU Medicine, and Senator Helton were recognized for additional questions. Senator Woelfel was recognized for an amendment. The motion passed, and the amendment adopted. The Chairman moved to agree to the language of the committee substitute for committee substitute as amended. The motion passed. The Vice Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 726 as amended; with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted.

On Motion of Senator Roberts the committee adjourned.

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Jason Barrett
Chairman

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Tammy Shamblin
Committee Clerk