



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for February 20, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on February 20, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Willis, Bartlett, Azinger, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Maynard, Rose, Rucker, Tarr, Taylor, Weld, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Chapman, Hart, Helton, Martin

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

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

**H. B. 4215 - Department of Health Rules Bundle.**

Debra Graham, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed strike and insert and title amendment, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Jessica Whitmore, General Counsel, West Virginia Office of Inspector General, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Willis, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee adopted the strike and insert amendment.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee adopted the title amendment.

**S. B. 900 - Including certain correctional facilities as "targeted facility".**

Riley Neal, Intern, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S. B. 794 - Relating to appeals of orders or decrees of adoption.**

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**S. B. 950 - Relating to mileage and expenses of judges.**

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill, and responded to questions.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S. B. 880 - Creating Recognizing Judea and Samaria Act.**

Aaron Cobb, Extern Law Clerk, explained the bill, the purpose of the proposed committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Jason Rapert, President, National Association of Christian Lawmakers, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Willis, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

The question being on agreeing to the committee substitute, the same was put, and the committee substitute was agreed to.

On motion of Senator Bartlett, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Bartlett the committee adjourned.



Thomas E. Willis II  
Chair



Beverly Douglas  
Clerk/Analyst

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, in  
the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I swear to tell the truth, nothing but the truth, under penalty of  
false swearing, so help me God."

Jessica Whitmore

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

Print Member Name

[Signature]

Sign Member Name



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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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Jason Rapert

Print Witness Name

Beverly Douglas

Testimony Attested to

By Committee Clerk

Oath was administered by:

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