



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Judiciary

Minutes for March 04, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Judiciary met on March 04, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Hart and 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. 4799 - To establish the cold case task force for the State of West Virginia.

Aaron Cobb, Counsel, explained the bill and proposed strike and insert amendment, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Zachary Haught, Vice President, West Virginia Troopers Association, 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.

H. B. 4412 - Require certain websites to utilize age verification methods to prevent minors from accessing content.

J. A. Curia, Counsel, explained the bill and proposed strike and insert amendment, and responded to questions.

Senator Bartlett moved to adopt the strike and insert amendment.

On motion of Senator Weld, the committee amended the strike and insert amendment on page 6, subsection (d), line 27, by striking the word “cause” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “causes”; and by striking the word “subsection” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “subsections”; and on line 28, after “(a)” and inserting “, (b), and (c)”; and on line 29, after “§49A-1-102(a)” by inserting “or §49A-1-102(d)”; and, on line 31 through 33 by striking the first sentence in its entirety; and on line 36, by striking “may not be imposed for violations occurring more than five years before the action is brought and an award of damages”; and on page 8, the aligns the language in the attorney general section with the statute of limitation and damages language in the preceding section; and, on page 7, line 4, by inserting a comma after the word “material” and inserting the words “or child pornography,”.

The committee adopted the strike and insert amendment as amended.

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.

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 4th day of March, 20 26, 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."

Zachary Hought

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Thomas E. Willis II

Print Member Name

[Signature]

Sign Member Name