



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Workforce

Minutes for February 17, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Workforce met on February 17, 2025, 1:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Roberts, Woodrum, Deeds, Fuller, Hamilton, Queen, Rose, Tarr, Thorne, Weld, Woelfel

Members absent: None

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

Chairman Roberts introduced new members to the committee.

Chairman Roberts introduced the staff to the committee.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee adopted the Rules of the Senate to govern the committee in its deliberations.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee authorized Chairman Roberts to set an agenda of items to be considered by the committee.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee authorized staff to, as needed, make any technical corrections to the bills, resolutions and drafts which may be brought before the committee.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee authorized counsel to incorporate all introduced bills, or resolutions, as well as, any necessary technical changes, into a committee substitute for the bill, or resolution, after the bill, or resolution, has been presented to the Committee and the Committee has voted to report the bill, or resolution, as a committee substitute and to report it in lieu of the introduced bill, or resolution.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the committee authorized members who are physically present in their Capitol offices may participate remotely in committee meetings and hearings as though they were physically present, shall be counted in determining a quorum, and shall vote on every question pursuant to Senate Rule 43. The Chair shall provide for simultaneous video and audio participation among all members.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the Committee authorized the Chair to administer an oath to any witness appearing before them, should a majority of the members of the Committee vote to do so.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the Committee authorized members who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, notified of potential exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or who have been determined by a physician to be at a higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19, to participate remotely (outside of the capitol building) in committee meetings as though they were physically present. Members may vote on every question subject to Senate Rule 43.

Chairman Roberts recognized Dr. Jim Kaufman, President & CEO of West Virginia Hospital Association. Dr. Kaufman followed with a presentation on the medical workforce challenges facing the state of West Virginia and responded to questions.

Chairman Roberts brought the following bill before the committee.

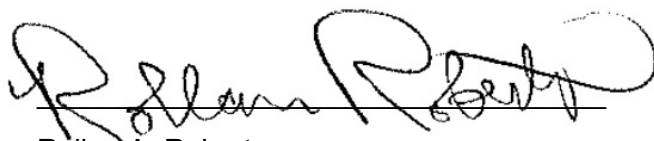
S. B. 249 - Expanding employment and training requirements necessary for SNAP benefits.

Counsel explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions

With leave of the committee, Jeremiah Samples, Vice President of Government Affairs & Public Safety, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

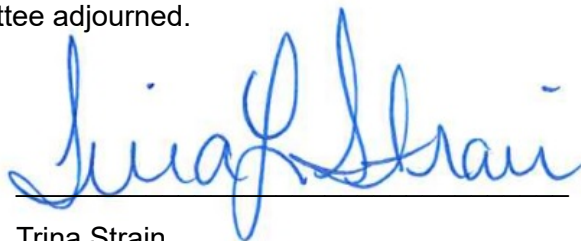
On motion of Senator Woodrum the Committee recommended that SB249 be reported to the full senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Rollan A. Roberts

Chairman



Trina Strain

Committee clerk