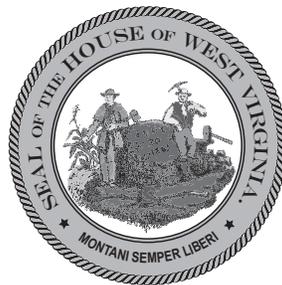


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[DELEGATE HANSHAW, MR. SPEAKER, IN THE CHAIR]

The House of Delegates was called to order by the Honorable Roger Hanshaw, Speaker.

Prayer was offered and the House was led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Monday, January 19, 2026, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

Committee Reports

Delegate Akers, Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration:

H. B. 4352, Prohibiting cameras and recording devices in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

Delegate Anderson, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Public Works, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy and Public Works has had under consideration:

H. B. 4008, Relating to Business Ready Sites Program,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass

Delegate Phillips, Chair of the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration:

H. B. 4005, Skills to work,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4005 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-7G and §21-6-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to clarify the categories of employment which are prohibited or authorized for persons in West Virginia who are under the age of 18 and to clarify youth apprenticeships prohibited or authorized in such categories of employment and to be known as "The Workforce Development Act of 2026", "

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Delegate Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Resources, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Health and Human Resources has had under consideration:

H. B. 4196, To offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients receiving methadone and suboxone at the treatment facility for the methodone and suboxone,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4196 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16B-13-3 and §16B-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to offering long-acting reversible contraception to patients; and establishing parameters of how to offer long-acting reversible contraception,"

And,

H. B. 4335, Relating to Medicaid providers,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4335 - "A Bill to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §9-5-34; and to repeal §16-1A-1, §16-1A-2, §16-1A-3, §16-1A-4, §16-1A-5, §16-1A-6, §16-1A-7, §16-1A-8, §16-1A-9, and §16-1A-10, relating to Medicaid providers; establishing expedited enrollment timelines for the state's agent; establishing a uniform credentialing requirement for managed care organizations; requiring the exclusive use of electronic submissions; and directing the Department of Human Services to implement a unified statewide credentialing platform,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass.

Delegate Criss, Chair of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration:

H. B. 4007, Relating to industrial access roads,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4007 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-3A-1, §17-3A-2, and §17-3A-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the industrial access road fund; clarifying how the money shall be used; providing a response deadline when a formal use request is submitted; clarifying restrictions on use of the fund; and raising the allocated funding per fiscal year,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Delegate Ellington, Chair of the Committee on Education submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration:

H. B. 4087, To create a West Virginia-Ireland Education Alliance,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4087 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-36-2, and §29-36-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to establishing the West Virginia-Ireland Education Alliance; expanding West Virginia-Ireland Trade Commission membership to include an interest in education; providing for partnerships between West Virginia higher education institutions and Ireland higher education institutions; requiring a state four-year higher education institution and a state two-year higher education institution to collaborate to be eligible for grant funding; providing that the Higher Education Policy Commission shall determine which higher education institutions may receive grant funding; stating a purpose for the West Virginia-Ireland Education Alliance, and making technical changes,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4087) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Delegate Ellington, Chair of the Committee on Education submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration:

H. B. 4081, To create the Higher Education Health and Aid Grant,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass, and with the recommendation that second reference to the Committee on Finance be dispensed with.

In the absence of objection, reference of the bill (H. B. 4081) to the Committee on Finance was abrogated.

Resolutions Introduced

Resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, further reading of the resolutions was dispensed with and each resolution was considered as formally introduced and referred to the appropriate committees as indicated on the Chamber Automation System.

By Delegates Ridenour, Butler, Ward, Mallow, Jennings, Mazzocchi, Kimble, Holstein, Masters, Coop-Gonzalez and Martin:

H. R. 3 --"Requesting an inquiry into the COVID-19 pandemic"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Rules

By Delegates Linville, G. Howell, Hillenbrand, J. Cannon, Gearheart, Bell, Drennan, Moore, Campbell, Crouse and Green:

H. C. R. 4 --"Requesting the Joint Committee on Technology & Infrastructure to establish a Genesis Working Group to coordinate statewide planning for artificial intelligence, high-performance computing, digital infrastructure, and energy-based economic development"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Rules

By Delegate Ridenour:

H. C. R. 5 --"Calling upon the Congress of the United States to disband the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other politicized intelligence and law enforcement agencies"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules

By Delegates Ridenour, Kump, Butler, Martin, Masters and Coop-Gonzalez:

H. C. R. 6 --"To declare the sovereign right of the State of West Virginia to nullify and prevent unconstitutional acts of the federal government"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules

By Delegates Anders, White, Coop-Gonzalez, Foggin, Funkhouser and Dillon:

H. C. R. 7 --"Creating a day of remembrance for Charles James ("Charlie") Kirk"; to the Committee on Rules

By Delegates Ridenour, Kump, Butler, Ward, Martin, Masters, Jennings, Kimble, Hillenbrand and Phillips:

H. C. R. 8 --"Recognizing that West Virginia has standing in matters relating to issues that impact people of this state"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules

By Delegates Funkhouser, Ridenour, Horst and Hillenbrand:

H. C. R. 9 --"Applying to and urging Congress to call a convention of the states, under the authority reserved to the states in Article V of the United States Constitution, limited to proposing the repeal of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that Seventeenth Amendment, to the United States Constitution requiring "Popular election of senators"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules

By Delegates Funkhouser, Ridenour and Horst:

H. C. R. 10 --"Applying to and urging Congress to call a convention of the states, under the authority reserved to the states in Article V of the United States Constitution, limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to repeal to repeal the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution authorizing Congress to lay and collect taxes on income"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules

By Delegates Funkhouser, Foggin, Dean, Horst, Ridenour, Miller, Roop, Hillenbrand and Linville:

H. C. R. 11 --"Applying to and urging Congress to call a convention of the states, under the authority reserved to the states in Article V of the United States Constitution, limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to require that persons elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate be natural born citizens of the United States with sole and exclusive United States citizenship; to require that persons nominated by the President as federal judges under Article III of the Constitution of the United States be natural born citizens of the United States with sole and exclusive United States citizenship; and to require that persons appointed by the President as Cabinet Secretaries be natural born citizens of the United States with sole and exclusive United States Citizenship"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules.

And,

By Delegates Funkhouser, Ridenour, Horst, Roop, Hillenbrand, J. Cannon, Holstein and Linville:

H. C. R. 12 --"Demanding Congress call a Convention of States to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States to establish the United States Supreme Court as nine Justices."; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Rules

On motions for leave, Joint Resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Delegates Heckert, Hillenbrand and Foggin:

H. J. R. 18 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section 1, article IV, thereof, relating to prohibiting persons not United States citizens from voting in any election held within this state; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Hillenbrand, Mallow, Kump, Phillips, Jennings, Sheedy, Clay, Bell, Dean, Dittman, Pritt, Roop, Stephens, Ward and White:

H. J. R. 19 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia to amend and reenact section one, article X thereof; relating to permitting excess levies or increases in maximum rates limited exclusively to fire protection and emergency medical services to be approved by a majority of the votes cast (50 percent plus one vote) while retaining the existing sixty-percent requirement for all other levies and increases; numbering and designating the proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Dillon, Mallow, Ridenour, Coop-Gonzalez, Horst, Miller, Gearheart, Mazzocchi, Butler, T. Howell and Jordan:

H. J. R. 20 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the state of West Virginia amending article II thereof by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine, relating to the State of West Virginia recognizing the Holy Bible, complete with the 66 of the Old and New Testaments, as the divinely inspired, inerrant foundational document for our society and government, an accurate historical record of human and natural history, and the utmost authority for human moral behavior. As such, the Holy Bible and its precepts shall be given a place of prominence and reverence in the public buildings, laws, policies, and schools of the state of West Virginia; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates G. Howell, Sheedy, Bell, Jeffries, Street, Willis and Miller:

H. J. R. 21 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia amending section one-b, article ten thereof, relating to ad valorem property tax rates for citizens of the age of 65 or older; locking the value of a homestead property, purpose of calculating property taxes, at the assessed value when the owner-occupier turned 65 or purchased the property, whichever occurred later; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

By Delegates White, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Hillenbrand, T. Howell, Clark, Anders, Ward, Hite, Butler and Funkhouser:

H. J. R. 22 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, amending article X thereof, by adding thereto a new section designated one-d, relating generally to ad valorem taxation and assessment of tangible personal property; authorizing the Legislature to exempt one or more species of tangible personal property from taxation; authorizing the

Legislature to reduce the rate of taxation or assessment for one or more species of tangible personal property; authorizing different statewide rates of taxation, statewide rates of assessment, and statewide methods of valuation for different species of tangible personal property; clarifying that the Legislature and levying bodies remain subject to constitutional limits on rate of taxation and assessment; authorizing the Legislature to classify property as real or personal for taxation purposes; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on Finance then the Judiciary.

And,

By Delegate Hite:

H. J. R. 23 - " Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of West Virginia, repealing article IX, section 3 thereof, relating to term limits for sheriffs; numbering and designating such proposed amendment; and providing a summarized statement of the purpose of such proposed amendment"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bills Introduced

On motions for leave, bills were introduced and severally referred as follows:

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, further reading of the bills was dispensed with and each bill was considered as formally introduced and referred to the appropriate committees as indicated on the Chamber Automation System.

By Delegates Brooks, Horst, Pritt, Green and Martin:

H. B. 4551 - "A Bill amend and reenact §17E-1-9 and §17E-1-25 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Safe Trucking Act of 2026; requiring commercial drivers in the state to have a valid work visa and proof of citizenship and providing penalties for commercial carriers and drivers who fail to satisfy these requirements"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Brooks, Martin, Hornby, Pritt, Green and Hott:

H. B. 4552 - "A Bill to amend §15A-3-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the law-enforcement powers of correctional officers; clarifying that certain employees of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation are law-enforcement officers; clarifying the powers and duties of the commissioner; clarifying the authority of correctional peace officers; and clarifying that certain correctional officers shall receive identification to carry weapons off duty"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Pritt, Green, Martin, Mallow and Hott:

H. B. 4553 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18B-10-7e, relating to providing for tuition reimbursement for corrections workers"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Pritt and Green:

H. B. 4554 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §61-7D-1, relating to the creation of a Persons with Disabilities Registry; and providing for a public records exemption"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate White:

H. B. 4555 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting tax preparation services from consumer sales and service tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop and Martin:

H. B. 4556 - "A Bill to repeal §24-2F-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to net metering and internet connection standards"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Brooks, Pritt and Martin:

H. B. 4557 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §61-6-1c, relating to establishing the criminal offense of obstructing a highway or other passageway; defining 'obstruct'; and establishing penalties for violation of section"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Pritt and Green:

H. B. 4558 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-2A-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to granting West Virginia companies operating towing and recovery vehicles regulated by the Public Service Commission access to driver registration information on demand, providing Division of Motor Vehicles carry out steps needed to achieve this goal; and providing a date certain to meet this requirement"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Brooks, Pritt and Martin:

H. B. 4559 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-2-22a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eliminating the restriction on bear kills during concurrent hunting seasons for deer and bear when baiting is used for deer"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Horst, Pritt, Green and Martin:

H. B. 4560 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-14C-49, relating to motor fuel excise tax; and clarifying that the tax imposed on fuel purchased at marinas and boat docks in this state be directed to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Pritt, Green and Martin:

H. B. 4561 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-14-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying a sheriff's authority to hire within their own office"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop and Pritt:

H. B. 4562 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-22n and §18-7A-26y of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to lowering the eligibility age for certain retirement benefits under the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Brooks, Pritt, Martin and Green:

H. B. 4563 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17-16A-29A, relating to requiring EZ-Passes to be assigned to individual drivers and not automobiles"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Pritt, Green and Mallow:

H. B. 4564 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to economic development; and increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption from \$20,000 to \$40,000"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Pritt and Martin:

H. B. 4565 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §33-12-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting those insurance employees with 20 years of holding an insurance license from attaining additional continuing education; and naming this exception as the 'Insurance Continuing Education Responsibility Act'; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Brooks, Pritt, Martin, Mallow, Green and Stephens:

H. B. 4566 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-4-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing penalties for hit and run vehicle crashes"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Drennan, Hornby, Crouse, Moore, Dittman, Kyle, Leavitt, Browning, Burkhammer, Stephens and Foggin:

H. B. 4567 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-9AA-1, §16-9AA-2, §16-9AA-3, and §16-9AA-4, relating to vape and vape products; providing legislative findings and intent; providing definitions; creating criminal and non-monetary penalties; and clarifying age verification requirements"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Drennan, Dittman, Moore, Leavitt and Hornby:

H. B. 4568 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §56-3-35, relating to prohibiting service of process in civil and Family Court matters on county property"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Foggin, Clark and Heckert:

H. B. 4569 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §33-15-4s of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting prior authorization forms to be submitted by fax and providing an effective date"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Brooks, Roop, Pritt, Green and Martin:

H. B. 4570 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §37-6-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing service upon tenants for eviction proceedings to be accomplished by publication or by posting the notice conspicuously on the premises if the tenant will not accept service of process in person"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Dean, Flanigan, Pritt, Shamblin, Vance, Ferrell, Stephens, Bell, Heckert and Worrell:

H. B. 4571 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §11-21-11a, relating to taxable income of residents; and creating an 'ABC' test designed to ensure that individual taxpayers are not misclassified; and clarifying when a taxpayer is not an independent contractor"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Dittman, Moore, Drennan, Foggin, Hott, Toney, Pritt, Shamblin, Barnhart, Ellington and Kyle:

H. B. 4572 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-55, relating to the creation of the Rural School Flexibility & Innovation Pilot Act"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Dittman, Pinson, Moore, Drennan, Foggin, Hott, Campbell, Toney, Barnhart, Ellington and Statler:

H. B. 4573 - "A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-55, relating to foster children; authorizing the development of a Foster Youth Resource Guide; and requiring the Department of Education provide information to foster children before graduating high school"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Burkhammer:

H. B. 4576 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations Unit; expanding the number of members in the unit; expanding the number of regional members to assist CPS; providing retired members of the State Police the ability to be part of the unit; and establishing requirements to be followed when reemploying a retired State Police officer"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Hornby, Kyle, Heckert, Crouse, Criss, Sheedy, McGeehan, Flanigan, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Akers and Maynor:

H. B. 4577 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-2-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to issuance of driver licenses; authorizing rulemaking to enter reciprocity with foreign countries; and creating a reciprocity agreement with the Republic of Ireland"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Clark, Masters, Anders, Funkhouser and Hornby:

H. B. 4578 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-2-2, §18A-2-2a, §18A-2-7, §18A-2-12, §18A-4-8b, and §29B-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing more local control over educational decisionmaking; differentiation of funding for counties; and addressing operational efficiencies within education"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4579 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-802 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to body-worn cameras; requiring Child Protective Services workers to attempt to wear body-worn cameras during investigations; requiring workers to obtain consent to use body worn cameras; permitting workers to refrain from using cameras in specific circumstances; requiring audio and video to be maintained for specified time frame; and stating that audio and video file is part of the confidential child welfare record"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4580 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §49-2-815, relating to the establishment of a pilot program for the use of mobile devices in child abuse and neglect investigations; setting forth effective date; setting forth requirements for system; setting forth term of pilot program; and requiring reporting"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4581 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding a new section, designated §49-2-131, relating to monthly status meeting of county entities; providing legislative findings and intent; designating meeting participants; and requiring reporting"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Heckert, Fehrenbacher, Stephens, Clark and Green:

H. B. 4582 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11A-1-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing sheriffs' tax collection commission"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Butler, Ridenour, Phillips, Sheedy, Hillenbrand, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Ward, Linville and Canterbury:

H. B. 4583 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, relating to establishing November 7 of each year as 'Victims of Communism Day', to be observed in the public schools of this state; requiring high school students enrolled in the United States Government class required by §18-2-9(a)(1) of this code must receive at least 45 minutes of instruction on 'Victims of Communism Day' "; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Ridenour, Horst, Roop, Coop-Gonzalez, Anders and Hillenbrand:

H. B. 4584 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18A-4-2d, relating to enhanced pay for teachers; setting out legislative findings; defining terms; providing for market pay enhancement for teacher salaries in certain circumstances; providing for certification to State Auditor; setting out distribution of funds; requiring reporting; making funds subject to personal income tax; providing funds are in excess of minimum salary schedule; making enhancement not subject to state grievance process; and providing for rulemaking"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Clark, Chiarelli, G. Howell, Flanigan, Linville, Canterbury, Akers, Drennan, Anders and Kyle:

H. B. 4585 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13JJ-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying eligibility for volunteer firefighters"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Ridenour, Funkhouser, Butler, Martin, Masters, Mazzocchi, Roop, Kimble, Hillenbrand, Jennings and Phillips:

H. B. 4586 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding a new section, designated §5A-1-10A, relating to government procurement of electric vehicles; prohibiting government contracts procuring electric vehicles that may have been made in whole or in part through forced labor; setting remedies and penalties for manufacturers; and providing an effective date"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Crouse, Chiarelli, J. Cannon, Willis, Holstein, Kyle and Worrell:

H. B. 4587 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding three new sections designated §18B-1D-13, §18B-1D-14, and §18B-1D-15, relating to prohibiting state funds from being used for certain degrees and creating an effective date"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Crouse, Chiarelli, J. Cannon, Willis, Holstein, Dittman, Worrell and Maynor:

H. B. 4588 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-31A-1, §18-31A-2, §18-31A-3, §18-31A-4, §18-31A-5, and §18-31A-6, all relating to requiring the State Treasurer to participate in the federal tax credit scholarship program; and identifying qualified scholarship organizations and schools"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Holstein, Chiarelli, Worrell, Heckert, Willis, Eldridge, Dean, Bridges and Drennan:

H. B. 4589 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §23-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying that the time limitations provided for filing occupational pneumoconiosis claims do not apply or otherwise limit the ability of a claimant to obtain an evaluation from the Occupational Pneumoconiosis Board"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Heckert, Fehrenbacher, G. Howell, Browning, Adkins, Stephens and Green:

H. B. 4590 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §54-2-16a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to awarding attorney's fees to prevailing party in eminent domain proceedings"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Hornby, Ferrell, Campbell, Browning, Dean and Stephens:

H. B. 4591 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-4-2b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to recognizing School Athletic Directors who have achieved a nationally recognized professional certification through the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Hornby, Holstein, J. Cannon, Crouse, Browning, Dean, Ridenour, Stephens and McGeehan:

H. B. 4592 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-9F-10a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying school safety mapping data to include colleges and universities"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Hornby, Clark, Crouse, Funkhouser, Browning, Dean, Ridenour and McGeehan:

H. B. 4593 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-7a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring each child enrolled in the public schools of this state to actively participate in physical education classes during the school year to the level of his or her ability"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Leavitt, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Rohrbach, Phillips, Burkhammer, Funkhouser, Green and Ridenour:

H. B. 4594 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5F-1-2, §5F-2-1a, §6-7-2a, §9-5-5, §18-5-19c, and §18-10A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend the code by adding a new chapter, designated §21B-1-1, §21B-1-2, §21B-1-3, §21B-1-4, §21B-1-5, §21B-1-6, §21B-1-7, §21B-2-1, §21B-2-2, §21B-2-3, §21B-3-1, and §21B-3-2, and to repeal §5B-2B-1, §5B-2B-2, §5B-2B-3, §5B-2B-4, §5B-2B-4b, §5B-2B-5, §5B-2B-6, §5B-2B-8, and §5B-2B-9, §9-3-1, §9-3-2, §9-3-3, §9-3-4, §9-3-5, and §9-3-6 §9-8-1; §9-8-2; §9-8-3; §9-8-4; §9-8-5; §9-8-6; §9-8-7; §9-8-8; §9-8-9; §9-8-10; §9-8-11, §9-8-12, §9-9-1, §9-9-2, §9-9-3, §9-9-4, §9-9-5, §9-9-6, §9-9-7, §9-9-8, §9-9-9, §9-9-10, §9-9-11, §9-9-12, §9-9-13, §9-9-14, §9-9-15, §9-9-16, §9-9-17, §9-9-18, §9-9-19, §9-9-20, §9-9-21, and §9-9-22; relating to the creation of the Department of Workforce Services; establishing a cabinet-level agency; consolidating workforce development, vocational rehabilitation, adult education, and public assistance programs; transferring the Bureau for Family Assistance and Division of Rehabilitation Services and its components; integrating work requirements for SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid populations pursuant to the federal One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB) Act of 2025; providing for automatic exemptions and deemed compliance; and providing for an orderly transition of all records, personnel, and property by July 1, 2027"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Crouse, Chiarelli, J. Cannon, Willis, Holstein, Street, Drennan, Clark, Dittman and Kyle:

H. B. 4595 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5B-12-1, §5B-12-2, §5B-12-3, §5B-12-4, and §5B-12-5, relating to approving short-term training programs for eligibility for federal Workforce Pell Grants"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates T. Howell, Mazzocchi, Coop-Gonzalez, White, Kimble, Crouse, Clay, Ferrell, Brooks, Holstein and Browning:

H. B. 4596 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §15-16-10, relating to prohibiting subdivisions and local entities from adopting policies that prohibit or restrict cooperation with federal immigration law enforcement"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates T. Howell, Mazzocchi, Kimble, Crouse, White, Clay, Brooks, Holstein, Browning and B. Smith:

H. B. 4597 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6B-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the homestead property tax exemption; and increasing the homestead tax exemption"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates T. Howell, Jennings, Hillenbrand, Ferrell, Kimble, Mazzocchi, White, Crouse, Clay, Brooks and Holstein:

H. B. 4598 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-2-30 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing voter lists for noncommercial use; providing legislative findings; providing definitions; requiring the inclusion of change audit data as part of the information provided in the voter lists for the election cycle subscription service; and providing clarification on implementation of this process"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Burkhammer and Worrell:

H. B. 4599 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16B-15-10, relating to modifying the West Virginia Clearance for Access: Registry and Employment Screening Act ('WV Cares') background check variance process; providing for portability requirements; providing for durational validity; establishing a review timeline; creating supervision relief; refining disqualifying offenses; providing for a single fitness record; providing for due process and confidentiality; and providing for a timeline"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Hillenbrand, G. Howell, Holstein, Kimble, Funkhouser, T. Howell and D. Cannon:

H. B. 4600 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to voting by absentee; and requiring absentee ballots mailed in to be received by 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election to be counted"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4601 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations Unit; expanding the number of members in the unit; expanding the number of regional members to assist CPS; establishing offices for the unit in each State Police District; providing parameters for supervision of the unit; providing retired members of the State Police the ability to be part of the unit; and establishing requirements to be followed when reemploying a retired State Police officer"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4602 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §49-2-131, relating to requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a pilot program to contract for supplemental caseworker aide services for the Bureau of Social Services"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4603 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-21-2, §44-10-3, §44-10-5, and §49-4-601b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931; and to amend the code by adding a new section §49-4-607a; relating to the creation of the process of obtaining and adjudicating a pre-adjudicatory alternative disposition"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4604 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-21-13a, §49-1-201, §49-4-405, §49-4-601, §49-4-602, §49-4-604, §49-4-608, §49-4-610 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to abuse and neglect cases"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

By Delegate Hornby:

H. B. 4605 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-9A-2, §18-9A-5, §18-9A-10, and §18-9A-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to public school support; clarifying definitions; modifying the school aid formula to provide more support for schools under certain circumstances; removing restrictions on the allocation of funds for instructional programs; providing a reduction in annual appropriation; establishing the Governor provide certain money for the Department of Education's budget; clarifying allocation restrictions of county boards; and establishing a budget limit for the Third Grade Success Act"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Hornby:

H. B. 4606 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §62-1C-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring that judicial officers consider the residency status of a person charged with a criminal violation in determining bail and conditions of pretrial release"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hornby:

H. B. 4607 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-28-8, relating to ensuring equal treatment of private and parochial schools for school building construction"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Hornby:

H. B. 4608 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §3-13-1, §3-13-2, and §3-13-3, relating to the creation of the School Board Election Date Act"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hornby:

H. B. 4609 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §62-1C-17d, relating to bail; and allowing magistrates under certain circumstances to order mental evaluations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Hornby:

H. B. 4610 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding a new article, designated §16-51A-1, §16-51A-2, §16-51A-3, §16-51A-4, §16-51A-5, §16-51A-6, §16-51A-7, and §16-51A-8, relating to the right to try individualized treatments; defining terms; defining access to individualized treatments; providing restrictions on outstanding debt related to individualized treatments in the event of death; prohibiting sanctions against licensed healthcare providers; prohibiting specified persons from blocking access to individualized treatments; prohibiting private right of action; providing that the article is not to be construed to affect a health benefit plan's obligation to provide coverage for an insured's participation in a clinical trial; and setting forth effective date"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Dillon:

H. B. 4611 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, relating to the creation of the Hope to Help Community Schools Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Dillon:

H. B. 4612 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to lost titles; clarifying conditions when the division shall issue a new title; and providing circumstances which void title and initiate a legal investigation"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Dillon, J. Cannon, Pritt, Clay, Brooks, Horst, Jordan, Ward, Bridges, Dittman and Jennings:

H. B. 4613 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-31-3 and §29-31-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related to the Flood Resiliency Plan; requiring the plan to be updated yearly; adding requirements to the plan; and requiring the State Resiliency Officer to report to legislative committees"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4614 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated, §49-2-802b, relating to statewide prevention plan"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Dillon:

H. B. 4615 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §22-31-2, §22-31-3, §22-31-4, and §22-31-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating the creation of the Public Water Supply Reform Act of 2026; providing for definitions; creating a water level status plan for aboveground water storage tanks; providing for transparency; and ensuring public service district communication"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4616 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §49-4-611, relating to the imposition of a time limitation on disposition decisions in child abuse and neglect proceedings"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller, Pinson and Pritt:

H. B. 4617 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-121 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Bureau of Social Service to file a legislative rule"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller and Pinson:

H. B. 4618 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, as amended, 1931, by adding thereto a new section, designated §49-2-815, relating to the temporary payment to a kinship parent of a subsidy equal to that of a foster parent"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller, Pinson and Pritt:

H. B. 4619 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-125 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the creation of a special revenue account to expand in-state residential treatment capacity for children; specifying the purposes of the fund; establishing funding sources; authorizing disbursements; and providing for administration"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller, Pinson and Pritt:

H. B. 4620 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §49-13-101, §49-13-102, §49-13-103, and §49-13-104, relating to clothing and necessity allowance; setting forth the purpose of the article, defining terms; setting forth the requirements to obtain funding from the Department of Social Services for approved necessities, an adequate wardrobe and any supplementary clothing assistance; and setting forth the amount and form of payment"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Chiarelli, Flanigan, Heckert, Kimble, Miller, Pinson and Pritt:

H. B. 4621 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-601, §49-4-602, §49-4-604, §49-4-608, and §49-4-610 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the circuit court to make certain designated findings of fact and conclusions of law in its juvenile child abuse and neglect orders"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Miscellaneous Business

Pursuant to House Rule 94b, forms were filed with the Clerk's Office to be added as a cosponsor of the following:

H. B. 4013: Delegate Chiarelli;

H. B. 4052: Delegate Brooks;

H. B. 4053: Delegates Drennan, Holstein, and Shamblin;

H. B. 4059: Delegate Mazzocchi;

H. B. 4085: Delegate Hornby;

H. B. 4088: Delegate Adkins;

H. B. 4089: Delegates Drennan and Holstein;

H. B. 4092: Brooks, Crouse, Dean, Hillenbrand, Mallow, Mazzocchi, and Ward;

H. B. 4093: Delegates Crouse, Hillenbrand, Masters, and Mazzocchi;

H. B. 4094: Crouse and Holstein;

H. B. 4095: Delegate Dean;

H. B. 4097: Delegate Brooks, Crouse, Dean, Hillenbrand, Mallow, Masters, Mazzocchi, and Ward;

H. B. 4099: Delegates Brooks, Crouse, Dean, Funkhouser, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Mallow, Mazzocchi, Moore, and Ward;

H. B. 4140: Delegates Crouse, Hillenbrand, and Mazzocchi;

H. B. 4149: Delegates Crouse, Dean, Kimble, Martin, Masters, Mazzocchi, and Ridenour;

H. B. 4171: Delegates Crouse, Hillenbrand, Mazzocchi, and Moore;

H. B. 4128: Delegates Crouse, Hillenbrand, Masters, Mazzocchi

H. B. 4184: Delegates Brooks, Crouse, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Masters, Mazzocchi, and Moore;

H. B. 4185: Delegate Crouse, Dean, Masters, Mazzocchi, and Moore;

H. B. 4190: Delegates Crouse, Dean, Kimble, Masters, Mazzocchi, Phillips, Ridenour, and Ward;

H. B. 4196: Delegates Hall and Heckert;

H. B. 4353: Delegate Brooks;

H. B. 4354: Delegate Mazzocchi;

H. B. 4404: Delegate Sheedy;

H. B. 4446: Delegate Burkhammer;

H. B. 4456: Delegate Ridenour;

H. B. 4555: Delegates Anders, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Dean, Dillon, Funkhouser, Hillenbrand, T. Howell, and Ward;

H. B. 4617: Delegate Pritt;

H. B. 4619: Delegate Pritt;

H. B. 4620: Delegate Pritt;

H. B. 4621: Delegate Pritt;

H. J. R. 1: Delegates Crouse, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Mazzocchi, and Moore;

And,

H. J. R. 10: Delegates Hillenbrand, Masters, and Mazzochi.

Pursuant to House Rule 94b, a form was filed with the Clerk's Office to be removed as a cosponsor of the following:

H. B. 4013: Delegate J. Cannon.

At 11:22 a.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8th Day

11:00 A.M.

FIRST READING

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4005 - Skills to work
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4007 - Relating to industrial access roads
- H. B. 4008 - Relating to Business Ready Sites Program
- H. B. 4081 - To create the Higher Education Health and Aid Grant.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4196 - To offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients receiving methadone and suboxone at the treatment facility for the methodone and suboxone
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4335 - Relating to Medicaid providers
- H. B. 4352 - Prohibiting cameras and recording devices in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children

HOUSE CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8th Day

11:00 A.M.

No Bills

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
9:00 A.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M**

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
9:00 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON COURTS
9:45 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY
10:00 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES
10:15 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
1:30 P.M. – EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM 434M**

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
3:30 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

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