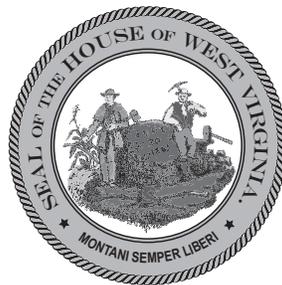


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### TENTH DAY

[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 Thursday, January 22, 2026, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

### Committee Reports

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. 4006**, Creating the West Virginia Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Growth Act,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4006** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6F-1, §11-6F-2, and §11-6F-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding three new articles designated §5B-12-1, §5B-12-2, §5B-12-3, §5B-13-1, §5B-13-2, §5B-13-3, §5B-13-4, §5B-13-5, §5B-13-6, §5B-13-7, §5B-13-8, §5B-13-9, §5B-13-10, §5B-13-11, §5B-13-12, §5B-13-13, §18B-23-1, §18B-23-2, §18B-23-3, §18B-23-4, §18B-23-5, §18B-23-6, §18B-23-7, §18B-23-8, and §18B-23-9, relating to economic development; providing short titles; providing definitions; establishing an aerospace development program; creating a grant program; clarifying economic development agreements; creating reporting requirements; providing tax credits and incentives; creating special fund accounts; creating a workforce training program; and authorizing rule-making authority,"

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. 4006) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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. 4021**, Bring them Home Fund,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4021** - "A Bill to amend and reenact 49-2-125 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to child welfare; providing legislative findings; creating a fund; establishing guidelines to disburse moneys from the fund; and requiring reporting,"

And,

**H. B. 4390**, Relating to the temporary payment to a kinship parent of a subsidy equal to that of a foster parent,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4390** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, as amended, 1931, by adding a new section, designated §49-2-815, relating to the making a temporary payment to a kinship parent of a subsidy equal to that of a foster parent,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitutes each do pass, but that they first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4021, H. B. 4390 and Com. Sub. for H. B. 4390) was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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. 4393**, Requiring the development and implementation of statewide prevention plan,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4393** - "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; setting forth plan requirements; establishing deadlines; and requiring a report,"

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. 4626**, Relating to the establishment of a grant program to fund the United States Food and Drug Administration's drug development trials with ibogaine,

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. 4410**, Relating to special stops required for on-track equipment,

And,

**H. B. 4437**, To allow Gold Star parents to receive one free Gold Star vehicle registration for personal use,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each 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. C. R. 3**, House Infrastructure Naming Resolution,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 3** - "Requesting that the Division of Highways name the following infrastructure specified in this resolution,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute be adopted, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Rules.

In accordance with the former direction of the Speaker, the resolution (Com. Sub. for H. C. R. 3) was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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. 4610**, Safeguard the Right-To-Try Cutting-Edge Medicine Act,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4610** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-51-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §16-51-2, relating to the right to try individualized treatments; and defining terms,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass, and with the recommendation that second reference to the Committee on the Judiciary be dispensed with.

In the absence of objection, reference of the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4610) to the Committee on the Judiciary was abrogated.

### **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 White, Parsons, Coop-Gonzalez, Petitto, Anders, Dean, Martin, Pritt, Brooks, Ward and Dillon:**

**H. B. 4764** - "A Bill to amend §6B-2-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the filing requirements of a disclosure of financial interest by a candidate for public office; and providing that if the disclosure reveals that a candidate for public office has delinquent unpaid taxes, that person may not run for office"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Hornbuckle  
[By Request of the Executive]:**

**H. B. 4765** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2-5, §18A-4-2, and §18A-4-8a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing annual salaries of certain employees of the state; increasing the salaries of members of the West Virginia State Police and certain personnel thereof; increasing annual salaries of public school teachers; increasing annual salaries of school service personnel; and providing an effective date for these increases"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Ridenour, Foggin, Linville, Mazzocchi, Jennings, Gearheart, Jeffries, Dillon, Brooks, Street and Ellington:**

**H. B. 4766** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-6B-3 and §11-6B-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for certain homeowners"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Worrell and Hite:**

**H. B. 4767** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §9-5-34, relating to requiring the Bureau of Medical Services to file a legislative rule"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegates Statler, Toney and Ellington:**

**H. B. 4768** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-30-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to updating definitions to incorporate federal law changes to qualified higher education expenses for purposes of 529 accounts"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Ridenour, Butler, Mazzocchi, Jennings, Mallow, Dillon, Masters, Foggin, T. Howell, Jeffries and Ward:**

**H. B. 4769** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5-1-31, relating to requiring the Governor to establish crisis preparedness plans"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates Worrell and Hite:**

**H. B. 4770** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto six new sections, designated §5-16-15a, §33-15-4y, §33-16-3ii, §33-24-7z, §33-25-8w, §33-25A-8z; amending and reenacting §5A-6-9; and adding new article, designated §33-57-2, establishing limitations on the use of artificial intelligence and artificial intelligence technology to deliver mental health care, with exceptions for administrative support functions"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

**By Delegate Martin:**

**H. B. 4771** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-9-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to adding to the persons who have access to the Controlled Substances Monitoring Database maintained by the Board of Pharmacy"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegates Chiarelli, J. Cannon, Hornby, Hite, Worrell, Pritt, Shamblin, Linville, Browning and Riley:**

**H. B. 4772** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §9-5-34, relating to requiring Bureau of Medical Services to verify and remove deceased Medicaid enrollees; requiring data matches with official death records; mandating the termination of eligibility upon proof of an enrollee's death; authorizing data-sharing agreements and annual audits; requiring an annual report to the Legislature; and providing an effective date"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegates Pritt, Clay, Brooks, Chiarelli, Eldridge, Dittman and Stephens:**

**H. B. 4773** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections designated §5-10-22o and §18-7A-26z, relating to retirement; providing a 15 percent cost-of-living adjustment to certain retirees of the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System; and providing for the pro rata distribution of the cost-of-living adjustment to certain beneficiaries"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Pritt and Brooks:**

**H. B. 4774** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-3-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to setting the number of associate state superintendent of schools positions to one instead of the current number of two"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Pritt:**

**H. B. 4775** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-43 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to additional disciplinary issues to be addressed by the Department of Education; reports to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability; and data of the Department of Education dashboard for public access"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegates Pritt and Clay:**

**H. B. 4776** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-18-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increase the maximum hotel occupancy tax permitted by municipal or county ordinances from six percent to eight percent"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Pritt:**

**H. B. 4777** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5D-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing the Summer Feeding for All Program; providing findings; directing a county-by-county assessment of non-school day student initiative; addressing food insecurities; empowering county school boards to develop initiatives and programs for feeding students in need during summer and other non-school time periods; providing county board reporting requirements to the Office of Child Nutrition; and directing the Office of Child Nutrition to collect and distribute information regarding available food resources"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

**By Delegate Pritt:**

**H. B. 4778** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing a means by which applicants for driver's licenses or identification certificates who do not have permanent addresses may obtain a driver's license or identification certificate; provide for auditing of the addresses permitted by the Department of Motor Vehicles; listing cancellation standards; and providing a fee waiver for those applicants with no permanent address"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Street:**

**H. B. 4779** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-11-16, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring a board of probation and parole to consider the sentencing judge's recommendation for certain qualifying offenses"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Street:**

**H. B. 4780** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §54-2-22, relating to eminent domain; establishing additional fees; and clarifying the fee requirements"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Chiarelli:**

**H. B. 4781** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §33-15-4y, relating to providing insurance coverage for laser hair removal"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 4782** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §49-13-1, relating to the creation of the Sustainable Child-Serving Workforce & Foster Care Modernization Act; and providing for foster care rate modernization and workforce stabilization"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 4783** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §33-3-14d of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing equal share of funds from the fire and casualty premium tax to part volunteer departments"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

**By Delegates Burkhammer, Moore, Barnhart, Maynor, Kyle, B. Smith, Cooper, D. Smith, Vance, Dean and Drennan:**

**H. B. 4784** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-24-6b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending Qualified Opportunity Zones until July 1, 2032"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 4785** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-21-13a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing compensation paid by Public Defender Services; requiring Public Defender Services to annually report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources, the Foster Care Ombudsman, and the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals a summary of certain legal services provided by panel attorneys"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

**By Delegate Crouse:**

**H. B. 4786** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-121 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to rule-making by the Secretary of the Department of Human Services; requiring a rule for afterschool providers that clarifies the minimum hours of attendance necessary for child subsidies to be based on monthly enrollment rather than daily attendance; and providing that the department develop a system for the electronic filing of billing information necessary for child care providers to receive child subsidies"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegates Ridenour, Jennings, Martin, Mallow, Phillips, Hillenbrand, Butler, Funkhouser, Kimble, Watt and Maynor:**

**H. B. 4787** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article designated as §61-3F-1, §61-3F-2, §61-3F-3, §61-3F-4, §61-3F-5, §61-3F-6, §61-3F-7,

§61-3F-8, §61-3F-9, §61-3F-10, §61-3F-11, §61-3F-12, and §61-3F-13, relating to creating the Anti-Terrorism Act; defining terms; declaring that specific acts are felony criminal acts of terrorism and establishing punishment therefor; creating mandatory sentencing; requiring restitution to be paid to victims of terrorism; clarifying unlawful restraint; prohibiting obstruction of a terrorism investigation; and requiring the Attorney General to identify and designate terroristic entities and members engaged in acts of terrorism"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Ridenour, Hillenbrand, Butler, Funkhouser, Jennings, Foggin, Mazzocchi, Jeffries, Ellington, Martin and Dillon:**

**H. B. 4788** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing currently serving members of county school boards to retain their position on the board during a campaign for other public office"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Barnhart and Criss:**

**H. B. 4789** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §31A-8D-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to bank merger by interstate branching and providing clarity regarding the disclosure required when an out of state bank acquires a West Virginia state-chartered bank"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Barnhart and Criss:**

**H. B. 4790** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §31-17-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requirements for licensure as a mortgage lender or broker; and allowing other forms of financial statements from broker applicants to show tangible net worth"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Criss and Barnhart:**

**H. B. 4791** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §31A-4-33 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to joint accounts in banking institutions and eliminating the requirement that the commissioner approve joint account forms to be used by banking institutions"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Criss and Barnhart:**

**H. B. 4792** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §31-17-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requirements for disclosures and recordkeeping, reinforcing state law regarding late fees, and clarifying that a state-specific closing disclosure is not required as long as federal closing disclosures are given accurately"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates T. Howell, White, Leavitt, Dittman, Petitto, Kyle, Mazzocchi, Foggin, Funkhouser, J. Cannon and Dillon:**

**H. B. 4793** - "A Bill to amend and reenact 30-27-8a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to lowering the age for a person to work as a barber or cosmetologist apprentice from 16 to 14 years old"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates Pinson and Leavitt:**

**H. B. 4794** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-3-14, relating to requiring that students in high school are required to pass a test on the United States Constitution in order to graduate from high school; providing that the State Board of Education shall create the test; providing that the test require a high passage rate; providing a mechanism for students to re-take the test if necessary; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegates Pinson and Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 4795** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-111 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing circumstances for when a child may be removed from a foster home"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegates Pinson, Burkhammer and Leavitt:**

**H. B. 4796** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §49-13-1, §49-13-2, §49-13-3 and §49-13-4, relating to placement of foster children; establishing a central reception center; establishing emergency resource homes; and requiring a report"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 4797** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §2-2-1 and §2-2-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating a new state legal holiday designated First Amendment Freedom of Speech Day and a new state special memorial week designated First Amendment Freedom of Speech Appreciation Week, all collectively to be known as 'The Charlie Kirk Memorial First Amendment Freedom Act'"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Pinson, Toney, Crouse, Burkhammer, Leavitt, Parsons, Pritt, Ellington and Hornby:**

**H. B. 4798** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-9F-9a, relating to requiring all schools in the state to implement a wearable panic alert system to be known as Alyssa's law"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

**By Delegates Pinson and Brooks:**

**H. B. 4799** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §15-10-8, relating to the establishment of the cold case task force within the West Virginia State Police; establishing the executive board; establishing certain duties for the executive board; establishing certain procedures for the cold case task force; authorizing interagency cooperation; establishing the cold case task force fund; and requiring certain data sharing"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 4800** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-20-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to dogs and cats; and providing for 'any other livestock' as it pertains to penalties for dogs wounding livestock"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**Special Calendar****Third Reading**

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4007**, Relating to industrial access roads; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 10**), and there were--yeas 90, nays 4, absent and not voting 5, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders, Coop-Gonzalez, Dillon and Kimble.

Absent and Not Voting: Cooper, Holstein, Linville, Moore and D. Smith.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4007) passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

**H. B. 4008**, Relating to Business Ready Sites Program; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 11**), and there were--yeas 84, nays 9, absent and not voting 6, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders, Coop-Gonzalez, Dean, Dillon, Horst, Kimble, Ridenour, Ward and White.

Absent and Not Voting: Bridges, Cooper, Holstein, Linville, Moore and D. Smith.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 4008) passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

**H. B. 4081**, To create the Higher Education Health and Aid Grant; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 12**), and there were--yeas 71, nays 22, absent and not voting 6, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Anders, Brooks, Burkhammer, Butler, Coop-Gonzalez, Dean, Dillon, Gearheart, Green, Hillenbrand, T. Howell, Jeffries, Kimble, Kump, Martin, Masters, Mazzocchi, Phillips, Ridenour, Street, Ward and White.

Absent and Not Voting: Bridges, Cooper, Holstein, Linville, Moore and D. Smith.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 4081) passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4335**, Relating to Medicaid providers; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 13**), and there were--yeas 93, nays none, absent and not voting 6, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Bridges, Cooper, Holstein, Linville, Moore and D. Smith.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4335) passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

**H. B. 4352**, Prohibiting cameras and recording devices in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children; on third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time.

The question being on the passage of the bill, the yeas and nays were taken (**Roll No. 14**), and there were--yeas 93, nays none, absent and not voting 6, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Bridges, Cooper, Holstein, Linville, Moore and D. Smith.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (H. B. 4352) passed.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the House communicate to the Senate the action of the House of Delegates and request concurrence therein.

### **Second Reading**

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4002**, Establishing the West Virginia Collaboratory; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

#### **On motion of Delegate Dittman, the amendment was adopted**

Delegates Dittman, Fehrenbacher and Riley move to amend the committee substitute on page 3, section 1, line 45, by striking subdivision 4 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(4) The Collaboratory may allocate funds for equipment, or capital improvements at any property owned or operated by a state institution of higher education necessary to carry out research and development projects in which the Collaboratory has funded completely or in part.”

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4005**, Skills to work; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

#### **On motion of Delegate Browning, the amendment was adopted.**

Delegate Browning moves to amend the committee substitute on page 3, section 21-6-2, line 1, by striking subsection (a)(1) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(a) A child ~~under 18~~ 16 years of age or older:

(1) ~~may~~ May not be employed, permitted, or suffered to work in, about, or in connection with any nonagricultural category of employment prohibited by the U.S. Department of Labor for individuals in such age range, pursuant to federal law or Hazardous Occupation Order issued by

the U.S. Secretary of Labor pursuant to federal law, except as subject to any and all special provisions permitting employment of such minors in such nonagricultural categories, or subject to any and all exemptions from specified Hazardous Occupation Orders for Apprentices and Student-Learners granted by the U.S. Department of Labor: *Provided*, That the following occupation(s): shall be subject to whatever applicable age restrictions and additional authorizations and prohibitions are established pursuant to federal law, the Code of West Virginia or by legislative rule of the commissioner:

(1) Ore reduction works, smelters, hot rolling mills, furnaces, foundries, forging shops, or in any other place in which the heating, melting, or heat treatment of metals is carried on; but

**On motion of Delegate Dean, the amendment was adopted.**

Delegate Dean moves to amend the committee substitute on page 4, section 21-6-2(c), line 39, by striking the period, inserting a colon and adding the following proviso:

*Provided*, That the prohibitions of this subsection shall be subject to the exceptions allowing retail sales by employees between the inclusive ages of 16 years and 20 years when directly supervised by a person 21 years of age or older as set forth in §60-3A-25(c), §§60-7-12(a)(10)(A)-(B), §60-8-20(g) and §11-16-18(d) of this code.

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4022**, CPS Allocation; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4196**, To offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients receiving methadone and suboxone at the treatment facility for the methadone and suboxone; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

**On motion of Delegate Lewis, the amendment was rejected.**

Delegate Lewis moves to amend Com Sub for HB4196 on page 4, Section 3, line 92 after the semicolon by striking out the word "and";

And,

On page 4, Section 3, line 95 by striking out the period, inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the following:

"and

(3) The patient shall acknowledge, in writing, receipt of the contraceptive counseling."

And,

On page 11, Section 5, line 175, after the semicolon by striking out the word "and" ;

And,

On page 11, Section 5, line 178, by striking out the period, inserting a semicolon and the following

"and

(iii) The patient shall acknowledge, in writing, receipt of the contraceptive counseling."

**On motion of Delegate Lewis, the amendment was rejected.**

Delegate Lewis moves to amend Com Sub for HB4196 on page 4, Section 3, line 92, following the word "unless" by striking out the words "they have a" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "administered by a trained" and to further amend line 92 following the words "on staff" by striking out the words "who is trained",

And,

On page 11, Section 5, line 174, following the word "unless" by striking out the words "they have a" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "administered by a trained" and to further amend line 174 following the words "on staff" by striking out the words "who is trained".

Delegate Pushkin moves to amend Com Sub for HB4196 on page 12, section 5, line 197, following the period by inserting a new subsection to read as follows:

"(t) Each medication-assisted treatment program shall offer each patient a test for communicable blood-borne diseases at intake."

Delegate Drennan arose to inquire of the Chair regarding the germaneness of the amendment.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was not germane to the bill.

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4354**, Relating to necessity allowance; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading,

And,

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4433**, Prohibiting Human Smuggling and Trafficking; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

**On motion of Delegate Young, the amendment was rejected.**

Delegate Young moves to amend Com Sub for HB4433 on page 3, Section 1, line 52, following the words "harboring an illegal alien" by inserting the following: "for financial or material benefit,".

**On motion of Delegate Kimble, the amendment was adopted.**

Delegate Kimble and Delegate Akers moved to amend the committee substitute on page 8, section 7, line 3, by striking subsection (b) in its entirety and renumbering the section accordingly.

**On motion of Delegate Akers, the amendment was adopted.**

Delegate Akers and Kimble moved to amend the Committee Substitute on page 9, section 7, line 29, by striking the phrase “: *Provided*, That if the victim of the offense is an adult illegal alien then the allowable restitution may only include reasonably related medical expenses and/or transportation expenses to return the adult illegal alien to his or her place of origin”

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

### **First Reading**

The following bills on first reading, coming up in regular order, were each read a first time and ordered to second reading:

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4028**, Relating to sales tax on construction materials,

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4169**, Relating to mental health examination requirements,

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4215**, Department of Health Rules Bundle,

**Com. Sub. for H. B. 4364**, Relating to concurrent juvenile jurisdiction on military installations,

And,

**H. B. 4422**, To permit students in eighth and ninth grade to attend summer school in order to raise their grades and establish academic eligibility to play sports in the fall.

### **Leaves of Absence**

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, leaves of absence for the day were granted Delegates Cooper, Holstein, Linville, Moore and D. Smith.

### **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. 4036**: Delegate Kump;

**H. B. 4170**: Delegate Crouse;

**H. B. 4197**: Delegate Masters;

**H. B. 4436**: Delegate Heckert;

And,

**H. B. 4456**: Delegates Funkhouser and Ward.

At 12:33 p.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 26, 2026.

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## **SPECIAL CALENDAR**

**Monday, January 26, 2026**

**13th Day**

**1:30PM**

### **THIRD READING**

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4002 - Establishing the West Virginia Collaboratory
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4005 - Skills to work
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4022 - CPS Allocation
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4196 - To offer long-acting reversible contraception to patients receiving methadone and suboxone at the treatment facility for the methadone and suboxone
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4354 - Relating to necessity allowance
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4433 - Prohibiting Human Smuggling and Trafficking

### **SECOND READING**

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4028 - Relating to sales tax on construction materials
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### **FIRST READING**

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4393 - Requiring the development and implementation of statewide prevention plan
- H. B. 4410 - Relating to special stops required for on-track equipment
- H. B. 4437 - To allow Gold Star parents to receive one free Gold Star vehicle registration for personal use.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4610 - Safeguard the Right-To-Try Cutting-Edge Medicine Act

H. B. 4626 -

Relating to the establishment of a grant program to fund the United States Food and Drug Administration's drug development trials with ibogaine

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No Bills



# **WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026**

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**HOUSE CONVENES AT 1:30 P.M.**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
3:00 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION  
4:00 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS  
4:00 P.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**





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