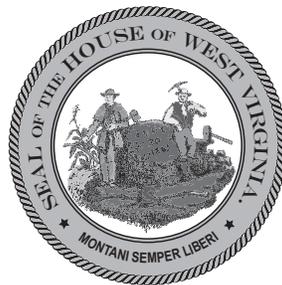


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[DELEGATE HANSHAW, MR. SPEAKER, IN THE CHAIR]

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 Sunday, February 8, 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. 4725, Clarifying the disposition of animal subject to animal cruelty treatment.,

H. B. 4801, Defining Permissible expenditures for municipalities and counties,

And,

Com. Sub. for S. B. 207, Clarifying sheriff's compensation for collection of taxes,

And reports the same back with the recommendation that they each do pass.

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. 4412, Require certain websites to utilize age verification methods to prevent minors from accessing content,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4412 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new chapter, designated §49A-1-101, §49A-1-102, §49A-1-103, §49A-1-104, §49A-1-105, §49A-1-106, and §49A-1-107, relating to creating liability for publishers and distributors of sexual material harmful to minors; providing definitions; relating to what constitutes reasonable age verification; providing exceptions to applicability of this article; requiring a commercial entity that provides pornography and other materials defined as being harmful to minors as a substantial portion of the entity's content to verify the age of individuals accessing the material and establishing liability and a cause of action; for the retention of data; imposing liability for publishers and distributors of material harmful to minors who fail to comply with verification requirements;

imposing liability for publishers and distributors of material that is obscene or child pornography; and providing that an internet service provider or hosting entity is not liable for hosting or transmitting material harmful to minors to the extent that it is not the creator of the material; providing a five year statute of limitations to these civil actions; relating to certain civil actions allowable by the Attorney General, relating to remedy of civil penalties, relating to how amount of civil penalties are to be based; relating to a five year statute of limitations for civil actions relating for Attorney General civil actions; relating to rule-making authority of the Office of Technology; relating to enforcement of the provisions of this article; and relating to a severability section,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Messages from the Senate

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 467 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-13-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to designating parking for Purple Heart recipients; penalties; and enforcement"; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, to take effect July 1, 2026, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

Com. Sub. for S. B. 490 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §5B-12-1, §5B-12-2, §5B-12-3, §5B-12-4, §5B-12-5, and §5B-12-6, relating to the Workforce Pell Grant program; directing the West Virginia Workforce Development Board to assist the Governor in determining the eligibility of short-term workforce training programs for Workforce Pell Grants; defining terms; setting out federal criteria for determination of program eligibility; requiring reporting by institutions offering eligible programs; establishing duties of the Workforce Development Board; providing for consistency with applicable federal law; providing for rulemaking; and establishing an effective date"; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

S. B. 586 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-1-4 and §16-1-9a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the regulation of public water systems; creating two classifications of backflow prevention assemblies; providing that the Secretary of the Department of Health may not require low-hazard backflow prevention assemblies to be inspected more frequently than once in three years; and providing that high-hazard backflow prevention assemblies shall be inspected annually"; which was referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the passage by the Senate, and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the passage, of

S. B. 622 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13BB-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the mine safety technology tax credit"; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 Chiarelli and Browning:

H. B. 5319 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to crimes for camping or storing personal property upon governmental or public property; providing definitions; providing criminal penalties; and exceptions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates G. Howell, Lucas, Roop, Butler, Clay, Jennings, Canterbury, Dean, Bridges, Cooper and Parsons:

H. B. 5320 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §8A-14-1, §8A-14-2, §8A-14-3, §8A-14-4, §8A-14-5, and §8A-14-6, relating to land use; providing a short title; providing a legislative purpose; providing definitions; providing protections when subdividing land; establishing limitations on local road construction requirements; and creating civil remedies"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Statler and Toney:

H. B. 5321 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-20-13, relating to guaranteeing timely educational evaluations and continuity of services for children entering foster care"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegate Foggin:

H. B. 5322 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designation §61-8-19d, relating to animal abuse generally; prohibiting activities connected with sexual abuse of an animal; establishing criminal penalties; providing for forfeiture of animals, payment of associated costs, providing for restrictions on owning animals upon conviction; and requiring psychiatric evaluation and payment of costs in certain circumstances"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Foggin and Heckert:

H. B. 5323 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-2-42 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to indexing of license and stamp fees; and continuing the authority to index license and stamp fees"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Rohrbach:

H. B. 5324 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §55-7G-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the statute of limitations for asbestos and silica litigation; and clarifying when a cause of action may be brought"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Rohrbach and Ellington:

H. B. 5325 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §30-3-12a, relating to creating an emeritus physician license status for retired

physicians, podiatric and physician assistants who meet eligibility criteria"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Foggin, Heckert and Clark:

H. B. 5326 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-22-26a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to raising the cost-of-living increase from the first \$15,000 to the first \$30,000 for supplemental pension benefits for municipal police, firefighters, employees of waterworks systems, sewage systems, or combined waterworks/sewage systems"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5327 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §9-11-1, §9-11-2, §9-11-3, and §9-11-4, relating to the creation of the West Virginia ALS Care Services Act, listing findings and purpose; requiring Department of Human Services to provide care services coordination and support; provide access to assistive technology, medical equipment, and ramp loan programs; and facilitate access to multidisciplinary ALS clinics; and establishing an effective date"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Anders and Ferrell:

H. B. 5328 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-2S-1, §16-2S-2, §16-2S-3, §16-2S-4, §16-2S-5, and §16-2S-6, all relating to the regulatory classification of bars, taverns, and restaurants; commercial wastewater standards; and septic system oversight"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Horst, Clark, Masters, Hite, Ridenour, Miller and White:

H. B. 5329 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §7-20-8a, relating to the creation of an operational sinking fund; providing for the collection of funds; providing for a limit; describing where the fund is permitted for usage; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Rohrbach and Ellington:

H. B. 5330 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-4F-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting expedited partner treatment for the treatment of bacterial vaginitis and trichomoniasis with flagyl and clindamycin cream"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Drennan, Mallow, Heckert, Hite, Statler, McCormick, Campbell, Miller, Crouse, Ferrell and Green:

H. B. 5331 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-22A-2, §8-22A-16, §8-22A-33, and §8-22A-33a, relating to providing special consideration for municipalities to join the Municipal Police Officers & Firefighters Retirement System (MPFRS) for their paid firefighters"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5332 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §19-39-1, §19-39-2, §19-39-3, §19-39-4, §19-39-5, §19-39-6, and §19-39-7, relating to the creation of the Agricultural Right to Repair Act; promoting farmer repair choice and competition by requiring manufacturers of agriculture equipment to make available to owners and independent repair providers, on fair and reasonable terms, the documentation, parts, and tools used to diagnose, maintain, and repair such equipment; effective date"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5333 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §30-3-21, relating to providing that patients undergoing medical procedures may refuse to have such procedures observed by residents and medical students at the hospital"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5334 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and by adding a new article, designated §37-6B-1, §37-6B-2, and §37-6B-3, relating to the providing tenants with the right to contact emergency services; to terminate a lease where there is fear of violence, and a residential tenant's right to privacy"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5335 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §61-8-19d, relating to animal abuse generally; prohibiting activities connected with sexual abuse of an animal; establishing criminal penalties; providing for forfeiture of animals, payment of associated costs, providing for restrictions on owning animals upon conviction; and requiring psychiatric evaluation and payment of costs in certain circumstances"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5336 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §48-27-202 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding a new section, designated §48-27-202a, relating to updating the definition of domestic violence"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5337 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-8-24 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, providing that protection of personal information applies to members of the Legislature"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Dillon:

H. B. 5338 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18A-2A-2; and to amend and reenact §18A-5-1c of said code, relating to the creation of the Health Freedom for Teachers and Students Act of 2026; creating a prohibition of mandated teacher or school employee immunizations or medical treatments; and creating a prohibition of mandated student immunizations or medical treatments"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Dillon:

H. B. 5339 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18A-2A-2, relating to prohibiting retaliation toward school employees for opinions expressed on social media"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Adkins, Watt and Bridges:

H. B. 5340 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-1C-2 and §11-1C-11a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing a new classification for managed timberland leased for carbon credits"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegates Kyle, Parsons, Chiarelli, Browning, Moore, Crouse, Leavitt, Drennan and Heckert:

H. B. 5341 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §15-17-1, §15-17-2, §15-17-3, §15-17-4, §15-17-5, §15-17-6, §15-17-7, §15-17-8, §15-17-9, §15-17-10, §15-17-11, and §15-17-12, relating to the creation of a Domestic Violence Registry for those found guilty of domestic violence against an intimate partner; and providing criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Lucas, Clark, Dean, Crouse and Worrell:

H. B. 5342 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §36B-4-109 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying how resales of real property units can be cancelled by purchasers when resale certificates are not provided, providing steps to be taken by a seller in the event that a resale certificate is unavailable, and providing a time period for cancellation when none is specified in the sales contract"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegate Pritt:

H. B. 5343 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §9-6-17, relating to disabled adults and older adults; and establishing a pilot program to develop a medical adult day care program for older adults and adults with disabilities who require daytime medical oversight and support but do not meet criteria for institutional placement"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegates Dittman, Drennan and Amos:

H. B. 5344 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying the definition of an antique firearm"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Dittman, Drennan, Moore, Hornby, Young, Hamilton, Fehrenbacher, Hall, Amos and Parsons:

H. B. 5345 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-113 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring child-care subsidies to be based on monthly enrollment rather than daily attendance"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegates Pushkin, Hamilton, Williams, Hansen, Lewis, Garcia, Young, Fluharty and Hornbuckle:

H. B. 5346 - "A Bill amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-2L-1, §18-2L-2, and §18-2L-3, relating to creating the school aid formula study commission; providing legislative findings; and providing for the commission membership; allowing expense reimbursements; and requiring reporting to the Legislature of the commission's findings"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Hillenbrand and Funkhouser:

H. B. 5347 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-15-8a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eligibility requirements for allocation from the Fire Protection Fund; adding a requirement for membership in good standing with the West Virginia State Firemen's Association; defining 'good standing'; and specifying compliance with applicable federal and state laws"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Chiarelli, McCormick, Kyle and Browning:

H. B. 5348 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17C-13-9, relating to prohibiting pedestrians from standing in roadways or right of ways"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Pushkin:

H. B. 5349 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding six new sections, designated §5-16-7h, §33-15-4y, §33-16-3ii, §33-24-7z, §33-25-8w, and §33-25A-8z, all relating to requiring the Public Employees Insurance Agency and other health insurance providers to provide mental health parity between behavioral health, mental health, substance use disorders and medical and surgical procedures; providing definitions; providing mandatory coverage; providing for mandatory annual reporting; providing for rulemaking; and setting forth an effective date"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates G. Howell, Lucas, Linville, Rohrbach, Bell, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), D. Cannon, Kyle, Masters, Criss and Riley:

H. B. 5350 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §11-15-9v, relating to sales and use tax exemptions; exempting from sales and use tax materials and appliances used in the manufacture of certain manufactured homes designed for permanent affixation to a permanent foundation; establishing construction, appliance, and certification requirements; defining permanent foundation; providing penalties for false claims or misrepresentation; authorizing disqualification from future exemptions; and granting rulemaking authority to the Tax Commissioner"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Hornby, Akers, Clark, Mallow, Miller, Willis, Hott, Holstein, Green and Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker):

H. B. 5351 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-1-3cc of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modernization of fees generated from emergency communication service users; updating the 911 fee to account for advances in technology; and allowing counties to amend the 911 fee process for use of communication devices beyond landlines"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Anders, Dillon and Masters:

H. B. 5352 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-1B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting the deployment of the National Guard by the Governor to another country for combat without a Congressional declaration of war"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

By Delegates Criss, Fehrenbacher and Riley:

H. B. 5353 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §32A-2-1, §32A-2-4, §32A-2-17, and §32A-2-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding a new section, designated §32A-2-8c, relating to requirements for licensure and regulation of money service businesses; creating new definitions for virtual currency and the use of virtual currency kiosks; including the ownership and operation of virtual currency kiosks in the definition of money transmission; designating a start date for licensure of kiosks; setting forth disclosure and receipt requirements for customers of virtual currency kiosks; providing for a resolution for conflicts between state and federal law as it relates to money transmission; and clarifying that virtual currency kiosks are delegates of a money transmission licensee"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Statler and Toney:

H. B. 5354 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-17-2 and §18B-17-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing legislative rules regarding higher education; authorizing legislative rules for the Higher Education Policy Commission regarding administrative exemption and mental health loan program; authorizing repeal of rules for the Higher Education Policy Commission regarding purchasing efficiencies and research trust fund program; authorizing legislative rules for the Community and Technical College Education regarding the

STAND program; and authorizing repeal of a rule for the Council for Community and Technical College Education regarding purchasing efficiencies"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Green, Dean, Ellington, Bell, Pritt, Hornby, Stephens, Sheedy, Ferrell and Foggin:

H. B. 5355 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-2-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to school personnel; and providing that a teaching position held by a person not certified to teach that position may be considered vacant and open for bid every year until filled by a person certified to teach that position"; to the Committee on Education.

By Delegates Pritt, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Hornby, Crouse, T. Howell, Street, Jennings, Brooks, Clay, Martin and Toney:

H. B. 5356 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the funding for the Mountaineer Challenge Academy"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Ridenour and B Ward:

H. B. 5357 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5-34-1, and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §14-2-17b, all relating to removal or cutting of trees on state owned or leased property or rights-of-way threatening structures on private property; requiring the state of West Virginia to remove trees on state owned or leased property threatening structures on private property; providing for removal of the trees by the owners or lessees of the threatened structures upon failure of the state to remove or cut down the trees; and providing for claims against the state for the costs and expenses of property owners and lessees who remove or cut down the trees"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Williams, Hansen, Hamilton, Hornby and Young:

H. B. 5358 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §17-2A-4c, relating to authorizing the West Virginia Commissioner of Highways to offer locality pay to Division of Highways employees working in certain areas of the state"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

By Delegates Linville, G. Howell, Hornby, Zatezalo, Hillenbrand and Phillips:

H. B. 5359 - "A Bill to amend and reenact § 5B-2N-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article designated §11-6M-1, §11-6M-2, §11-6M-3, and §11-6M-4, relating to high voltage transmission line property; continuing the Electric Grid Stabilization and Security Fund and clarifying funding; providing definitions; requiring returns be filed with the Board of Public Works; establishing rules for tax distribution; and clarifying which high voltage transmission line properties apply to the article"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Williams, Young, Hansen, Pushkin, Hornbuckle, Fluharty, Lewis, Garcia and Hamilton:

H. B. 5360 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new sections, designated §5-10-37 and §18-7A-26z, relating to providing a cost-of-living provision for certain persons retired under the Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Young:

H. B. 5361 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §15-16-2a, relating to restricting certain immigration enforcement actions in

specific locations; and to provide for the powers and duties of certain officers and entities"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Fluharty, Williams, Hamilton, Pushkin, Garcia and Lewis:

H. B. 5362 - "A Bill to amend §18-31-2a, §18-31-5, §18-31-7, and §18-31-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to Hope Scholarships awards; placing a limitation on eligibility based on the income of the recipient family of the Hope Scholarship student; requiring utilization of testing and exam preparations provided by local public school; limiting use of Hope scholarships for school tuition to instate schools; and providing rulemaking directives and guidelines to the Board of Education requiring reimbursement of counties for services or activities the public school system provides to Hope Scholarship recipients"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Hornbuckle, Lewis and Hansen:

H. B. 5363 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article designated §7-28-1, §7-28-2, §7-28-3, §7-28-4, §7-28-5, §7-28-6 and §7-28-7, relating to authorizing counties to establish a county daycare; providing for a petition process to instigate the creation of a county daycare; allowing a county commission to propose a fee, tax or levy to pay for creating and maintaining the county daycare; allowing a county commission to establish a county daycare authority; providing for a county vote on creating and funding a daycare; to establish and manage a county daycare; and allowing a county commission to fund or alternatively propose a tax, fee, or levy to fund the daycare for voter approval; and providing guidelines for establishing and managing the daycare"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegate Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker)

[By Request of the Executive]:

H. B. 5364 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-28-1, §5-28-3, §5A-8-15, §5A-11-1, §5A-11-3, §5A-11-7, §5B-2-17, §5B-2-20, §5B-21-7, §5B-9-1, §8-1-5a, §9-4B-7, §9-4C-11, §11-21-12i, §16-5P-3, §16-5CC-6, §16-29D-7, §16-36-1, §16-36-2, §16-40-7, §16-40-8, §17-4A-1, §17-4A-2, §17-4A-3, §20-2-23a, §20-2-23b, §20-2-23d, §20-2-23e, §29-20-4, §29-24-2, §29-24-5, §29-24-7, §29-24-8, and §29-24-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §44-16-7, and to repeal §5-28-2, §5A-11-2, §5A-11-4, §5A-11-5, §5A-11-6, §5B-1B-1, §5B-1B-2, §5B-1B-3, §5B-1B-4, §9-4B-1, §9-4B-2, §9-4B-3, §9-4B-4, §9-4C-1, §9-4C-2, §9-4C-3, §9-4C-4, §9-4C-5, §9-4C-6, §9-4C-7, §9-4C-8, §16-5M-1, §16-5M-2, §16-5M-3, §16-5P-7, §16-5P-8, §16-5U-1, §16-5U-2, §16-5U-3, §16-5BB-1, §16-5CC-1, §16-5CC-2, §16-5CC-3, §16-5CC-4, §16-5CC-5, §16-22A-4, §16-29B-31, §16-33-2, §16-33-5, §16-36-3, §16-40-6, §16-61-1, §16-61-2, §16-61-3, §17-2E-10, §18-10Q-1, §18-10Q-2, §18-10Q-3, §18-10Q-4, §18-10Q-5, §22-11A-1, §22-11A-4, §22-11A-6, §22-11A-7, §24-6-15, §29-20-1, §29-20-2, §29-20-3, §29-20-5, §29-20-6, §29-24-3, §29-24-4, and §49-2-913, relating to reforms to numerous unnecessary, expired, overly-large, or outdated boards and commissions; shifting several tasks, duties, responsibilities, or funds of these outdated or unnecessary boards and commissions to other agencies or entities; eliminating the Commission on Holocaust Education and Shifting its powers and duties to the Archives and History Commission, eliminating the Records Management and Preservation Board and shifting its powers and duties to the Director of the Archives and History Section of the Department of Tourism, eliminating the Public Land Corporation and vesting its property to the Division of Natural Resources, eliminating the Public Land Corporation Board of Directors and shifting its powers and duties to the Director of the Division of Natural Resources, eliminating the West Virginia Motorsport Committee and shifting its powers and duties to the Tourism Advisory Council, repealing the Southern West Virginia Lake Development Study Commission Act, changing the composition of the Tourism Advisory Council,

eliminating the Flatwater Trail Commission and shifting its powers and duties to the Tourism Advisory Council, eliminating the Municipal Home Rule Board and shifting control of the Municipal Home Rule Program to the control of the participating municipalities, repealing the Physical/Medical Practitioner Provider Medicaid Enhancement Board, repealing the General Medicaid Enhancement Board, repealing the Dentist Medicaid Enhancement Board, repealing the Ambulance Service Provider Medicaid Enhancement Board, repealing the Facility Providers' Medicaid Enhancement Board, removing language referencing the repealed West Virginia Appraisal Control and Review Commission; repealing the Interagency Council on Osteoporosis; repealing the West Virginia Council on Aging; repealing the Interagency Council on Arthritis; repealing the Workgroup to Study Adverse Childhood Experiences; repealing the West Virginia Advisory Council on Rare Diseases; repealing the Hearing Impairment Testing Advisory Committee; repealing the Working Group on Hospice Services in West Virginia; eliminating the Advisory Committee on State Health Care Rules but keeping the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to promulgate legislative rules; repealing the Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Education Program Coalition; repealing the Advisory Committee on Needlestick Injury Prevention Rules but keeping the authority of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Health to promulgate legislative rules; repealing the Advisory Council on Statewide Birth Defects Information System; repealing the State Advisory Coalition on Palliative Care Work Group; repealing the Taskforce on Infrastructure Deployment Clearinghouse; eliminating the Complete Streets Advisory Board but keeping the Complete Streets Program under the authority of the Division of Highways; repealing the Employment First Taskforce; eliminating the Whitewater Commission and shifting its powers and duties to the Director of the Division of Natural Resources; repealing the Carbon Dioxide Sequestration Pilot Program and Working Group; repealing the Commission to Implement NG911 in West Virginia, repealing the Women's Commission; eliminating the Technology-Related Assistance Revolving Loan Fund for Individuals with Disabilities Board and shifting its powers and duties to the Division of Rehabilitation Services; repealing the Trusts for Children with Autism and the West Virginia Children with Autism Trust Board but allowing qualifying trust established on or prior to December 31, 2026 to continue with the same qualifications; repealing the Juvenile Justice Reform Oversight Commission; modifying or eliminating various reports of affected boards and commission; and general cleanup and technical changes in affected sections"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Green, Worrell, Jeffries, Hott, Roop, Hite, Rohrbach, Heckert and Ellington:

H. B. 5365 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-2, §5-16-9, and §5-16-12a of the Code of West Virginia 1931, as amended, relating to the Public Employees Insurance Agency; defining terms; creating a special investigating unit of PEIA; and permitting the Insurance Commissioner certain authority over investigation"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Funkhouser and Akers:

H. B. 5366 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §51-1-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to rules governing the practice of law; and providing that certain records deemed confidential by rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals are not subject to public records requests"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Funkhouser and Ridenour:

H. B. 5367 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §15-17-1, §15-17-2, §15-17-3, §15-17-4, §15-17-5, §15-17-6, §15-17-7, and §15-17-8, relating to enacting the Refugee Absorptive Capacity Act; providing a short title; defining terms; designating a state office within the Department of Human Services which deals with refugees; providing for a moratorium on applications and cessations; providing for a fiscal

impact assessment; requiring reports; and providing for administration and severability"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Funkhouser, Heckert, Ridenour, Akers, Martin, Roop and Leavitt:

H. B. 5368 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §15-17-1, §15-17-2, §15-17-3, §15-17-4, §15-17-5, §15-17-6, §15-17-7, §15-17-8, §15-17-9, §15-17-10, §15-17-11, and §15-17-12, relating to the creation of a Domestic Violence Registry for offenders with at least two qualifying convictions; and providing criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Dillon, T. Howell and Pritt:

H. B. 5369 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-5H-1, §18-5H-2, §18-5H-3, §18-5H-4, §18-5H-5, §18-5H-6, §18-5H-7, §18-5H-8, §18-5H-9, §18-5H-10, §18-5H-11, and §18-5H-12, relating to protecting rural public schools; establishing heightened standards and procedures for the closure or consolidation of certain rural schools; providing legislative findings; defining terms; requiring rural school closure impact statements; requiring supermajority approval by county boards of education; requiring voter ratification or petition-triggered referenda; establishing mandatory student transportation time limits; restricting waiver authority; requiring mitigation plans; creating a rural school preservation funding weight; requiring State Board of Education approval; providing for a forensic audit; providing severability; and establishing an effective date"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegates Bell and Jordan:

H. B. 5370 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §27-5-2 the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to enacting 'Caitlyn's Law,' requiring a mandatory 24-hour hold in a hospital or other qualified facility pending an evaluation from a mental hygiene commissioner for all individuals suspected or known to have an addiction or dependency on pending evaluation from a mental hygiene commissioner"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

By Delegate Jeffries:

H. B. 5371 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing the carry of firearms on Capitol grounds and in buildings, with exceptions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Coop-Gonzalez, Foggin and Horst:

H. B. 5372 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-3, §61-7-6, and §61-7-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing those persons 18 to 20 years old to be able to carry a concealed deadly weapon without a permit, as is presently allowed for those persons 21 years and older"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegate Statler:

H. B. 5373 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §47-21-5 and §47-21-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing two or more charitable or public service organizations to hold a joint raffle occasion"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Eldridge, Parsons, Sheedy, Dean, Ferrell, Anders, Leavitt, Drennan, Worrell, Browning and Phillips:

H. B. 5374 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §46A-2-129b, relating to prohibiting unsolicited robocalls for sales and charity donations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H. B. 5375 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-8-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend the code by adding two new sections, designated §49-2-202a and §61-11-22b, relating to affording parents, guardians, and custodians of truant children with additional resources and assistance prior to conviction; removing criminal penalties for students who have reached the age of majority; creating a truancy pretrial diversion program which allows parents, guardians, and custodians of truant children to avoid conviction if they remedy the truancy and the causes that led to truancy; requiring sentencing of truant parents, guardians, and custodians to be delayed to allow for additional opportunities to address the truancy; allowing magistrate and circuit court judges to require the Department of Human Services to offer home-based family preservation services for families of truant children, when the courts are involved"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Pritt, Brooks and Jordan:

H. B. 5376 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-4-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring toxicology tests to be performed after a fatal vehicle crash"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Delegates Drennan, Brooks, Martin, Pritt, D. Smith, Sheedy, McGeehan, Butler, Hite, Ridenour and Watt:

H. B. 5377 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §9A-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating burial equity in the state cemetery for veterans for former members of the national guard and military reserves; prescribing eligibility criteria; stating its retroactive application; establishing a Burial Equity Grant Program to be administered by Veterans Affairs; and creating a Burial Equity Fund"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegates Crouse and White:

H. B. 5378 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to vaccinations; providing religious and philosophical exemptions to the immunization of school children; clarifying the procedure for exemption; requiring schools create and maintain a report on the number of exempt school children; and clarifying the duties of state health officer and Commissioner of Bureau for Public Health"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

By Delegate Hite:

H. B. 5379 - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding five new sections, designated §33-15-24, §33-16-20, §33-24-46, §33-25-23, and §33-25A-37, relating to requiring insurers to directly pay out-of-network emergency medical services agencies and promptly pay clean claims"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

By Delegates Pushkin and Lewis:

H. B. 5380 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-11-26 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the removal of limitations on the expungement of certain criminal convictions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

H. B. 5381 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2A-1, §5B-2A-3, §5B-2A-4, §5B-2A-9, §5B-2A-12, §5B-2F-1, §5B-2F-2, §5B-2F-3, §5B-2F-4, §5B-2F-5, §5B-2H-2, §5B-2J-2, §5B-2N-1, §5B-2N-2, §5B-2N-3, §5B-2N-4, §5D-1-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, to amend

the code by adding new sections, designated §5B-2F-1a, §5B-2F-2a, §5B-2F-2b, §5B-2N-1a, §5B-2N-2b, §5B-2N-4a, §5B-2N-5, §5B-2N-6, and to repeal §5B-2A-10, §5B-2A-14, §5B-2O-1, §5B-2O-2, §5B-2O-3, §5B-2O-4, §5D-1-2, §5D-1-3, §5D-1-4, §5D-1-5, §5D-1-5a, §5D-1-5b, §5D-1-5c, §5D-1-6, §5D-1-7, §5D-1-8, §5D-1-9, §5D-1-10, §5D-1-11, §5D-1-12, §5D-1-13, §5D-1-14, §5D-1-15, §5D-1-16, §5D-1-17, §5D-1-18, §5D-1-19, §5D-1-20, §5D-1-21, §5D-1-22, and §5D-1-23, relating to the consolidation and development of a comprehensive energy development policy and plan under the direction of the West Virginia Office of Energy; transferring the Office of Coalfield Community Development as a program within the Office of Energy; eliminating annual report of the Office of Coalfield Community Development; eliminating the sunset date of the Office of Coalfield Community Development; establishing the Comprehensive Energy Policy and Development Plan Act of 2026; eliminating outdated and misaligned duties of the Office of Energy; repurposing the Office of Energy with developing a long-lasting energy policy that embraces coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydropower, hydrogen, and geothermal sources of energy that emphasizes stability, efficiency, innovation, stable baseload generation, low cost, independence, and security; eliminating the Office of Energy's responsibility to develop an energy savings contracting program; empowering the Office of Energy to hold stakeholder meetings to develop a comprehensive energy plan and policy; granting the Office of Energy rulemaking powers; requiring existing power plants to obtain the Office of Energy's approval prior to undertaking any decommissioning or deconstructing activities; including the Office of Energy in the list of agencies empowered to assist in the growth of the Marcellus gas and natural gas liquid industries; repealing Coal Fired Grid Stabilization Act of 2023 and merging its elements into the newly created Comprehensive Grid Stabilization and Energy Security Act of 2026; creating definitions for the act; directing the Office of Energy to develop strategies for developing coal, geothermal, hydrogen, hydropower, natural gas, and nuclear fueled energy; directing the Office of Energy to submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations; authorizing the Office of Energy to identify and designate suitable sites for coal, geothermal, hydrogen, hydropower, natural gas, or nuclear electric generation projects; authorizing the Office of Energy to develop and adopt criteria for energy-ready community designations for local governments; directing the Office of Energy to develop a state energy security plan and to conduct energy emergency exercises to access the state's energy emergency readiness; and terminating the Public Energy Authority; transferring certain powers, duties, and responsibilities of the authority to the Office of Energy; and technical cleanup of amended and reenacted sections"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

By Delegates Flanigan, Fehrenbacher, Pritt, Mallow, Miller, Stephens, Marple, Roop, Brooks and Martin:

H. B. 5382 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13J-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to extending the Neighborhood Investment Program"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Delegate Funkhouser:

H. B. 5383 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-40-26 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring real estate licensees to disclose water and sewer utility rates to buyers"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

By Delegates Pritt, Holstein, Flanigan, Crouse, Mallow, Willis and Toney:

H. B. 5384 - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18C-7-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the Higher Education Policy Commission ('HEPC') to adjust the qualifications for the PROMISE scholarship in order to maximize the number of students who may be eligible for the award"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

By Delegate Statler:

H. B. 5385 - "A Bill to repeal §55-2-1, §55-3-1, and §55-3-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to adverse possession laws"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Special Calendar**Third Reading**

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4198, E-Verify Safe Harbor Act, on third reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, the bill was postponed one day.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4522, Banning Foreign-backed spending on State Ballot Issues; 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. 58**), and there were—yeas 95, nays none, absent and not voting 4, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, Kump, D. Smith and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4522) 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. 4755, Adding Aggravated Vehicular Homicide to the list of qualifying offenses; 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. 59**), and there were—yeas 95, nays none, absent and not voting 4, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, Kump, D. Smith and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4755) passed.

On motion of Delegate Akers, the title of the bill was amended to read as follows:

H. B. 4755 – "A bill to amend and reenact §61-11-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to qualifying offenses for purposes of recidivism punishment; and adding aggravated vehicular homicide, driving under the influence causing serious bodily injury, third offense driving under the influence, and obstructing causing death as qualifying offenses for enhanced sentencing of a repeat offender; and creating criminal penalties."

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. 4982, Make West Virginia Healthy Act of 2026; 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. 60**), and there were—yeas 91, nays 4, absent and not voting 4, with the nays and the absent and not voting being as follows:

Nays: Butler, Dillon, Gearheart and Kimble.

Absent and Not Voting: Anders, Kump, D. Smith and Vance.

So, a majority of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the bill (Com. Sub. for H. B. 4982) 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. 4011, Relating to advanced recycling; 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. 4012, Relating to reducing the regulatory burden on utility companies when constructing and maintaining electric power generation and transmission facilities within this state; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, the bill was postponed one day.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4053, To establish the blue envelope program.; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Akers, the amendment was adopted.

Delegate Akers moved to amend the committee substitute on page 1, section 2, line 7, after the word “disorder” by inserting the following language:

“dementia, or intellectual and developmental disabilities”

And

Delegate Akers moved to amend the committee substitute on page 2, section 3, line 2, after the word “disorder” by inserting the following language:

“dementia, or intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

And

Delegate Akers moved to amend the committee substitute on page 2, section 3, line 7, after the words “diagnosed” by inserting the following language:

“with an autism spectrum disorder, dementia, or intellectual and developmental disabilities”

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4179, To create felony charge for individuals who assault police officers or police dogs; 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. 4345, Relating to the preservation of missing persons records and evidence; 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. 4468, Relating to confidentiality of court files and law-enforcement records; 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. 4600, Require all ballots for primary and general elections be received not later than the close of the polls on election day; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time,

On motion of Delegate Hansen, the amendment was rejected.

Delegates Hansen and Hornbuckle move to amend Com Sub for HB4600 on page 5, Section 5, line 106, by striking out the period at the end of the sentence and inserting a colon and the following proviso:

"Provided: That for absentee ballots cast by a voter who is absent from the county throughout the period and available hours for voting in person because of attendance at a college, university, or other place of education or training as defined in §3-3-1(b)(2)(B) of this code, absentee ballots returned by United States mail or other express shipping service are to be accepted if the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the day after the election; or the ballot bears a postmark of the United States Postal Service dated no later than election day and the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the hour at which the board of canvassers convenes to begin the canvass."

On motion of Delegate Hansen, the amendment was rejected.

Delegates Hansen and Hornbuckle move to amend Com Sub for HB4600 on page 5, Section 5, line 106, by striking out the period at the end of the sentence and inserting a colon and the following proviso:

"Provided: That for absentee ballots cast by a person for whom the designated area for absentee voting within the county courthouse or annex of the courthouse and the voter's assigned polling place are inaccessible because of his or her physical disability as defined in §3-3-1(b)(5) of this code, or cast by a person due to disability, illness, injury, or other medical reason as defined in §3-3-1(b)(1)(A) of this code absentee ballots returned by United States mail or other express shipping service are to be accepted if the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the day after the election; or the ballot bears a postmark of the United States Postal Service dated no later than election day and the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the hour at which the board of canvassers convenes to begin the canvass."

On motion of Delegate Hansen, the amendment was rejected.

Delegates Hansen and Hornbuckle move to amend Com Sub for HB4600 on page 5, Section 5, line 106, by striking out the period at the end of the sentence and inserting a colon and the following proviso:

"Provided: That for absentee ballots cast by a person due to physical disability or immobility due to extreme advanced age as defined in §3-3-1(b)(1)(B) of this code, absentee ballots returned by United States mail or other express shipping service are to be accepted if the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the day after the election; or the ballot bears a postmark of the United States Postal Service dated no later than election day and the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the hour at which the board of canvassers convenes to begin the canvass."

On motion of Delegate Hansen, the amendment was rejected.

Delegates Hansen and Hornbuckle move to amend Com Sub for HB4600 on page 5, Section 5, lines 110 and 111, by restoring the current law language stricken out on lines 110 and 111 which reads " the hour at which the board of canvassers convenes to begin the canvass," and striking out the new language on line 111 which reads "8:00 p.m. on the day of the election before such ballot may be counted."

The bill was then ordered to engrossment and third reading.

H. B. 4749, Relating to adding requirements to the foster child bill of rights; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was reported by the Clerk.

Delegate McGeehan asked and obtained unanimous consent that H. B. 4749 be advanced to third reading with the general right to amend, in accordance with House Rule 114.

The bill was then read a second time, and advanced to third reading with the right to amend.

And,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4893, Increase the penalties for contempt of court in a magistrate court; on second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and 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:

H. B. 4089, Preservation of hair during chemotherapy. Also known as the "Jessica Huffman Bill",

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4466, Extend the public intoxication of alcohol code to include being under the impairment of narcotics in public,

H. B. 4474, Extending the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4501, Relating to Dietitian Licensure Compact,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4695, To double the criminal penalty for anyone found guilty of sexual assault on a minor,

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4767, Relating to requiring the Bureau for Medical Services to file a legislative rule,

And,

H. B. 5022, Relating to expanding the programs to be included in the annual capitation rate review.

Leaves of Absence

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, leaves of absence for the day were granted Delegates D. Kump, D. Smith and Vance.

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. 4710: Delegate Funkhouser;

H. B. 4868: Delegate G. Ward;

H. B. 4876: Delegate G. Ward;

H. B. 5025: Delegate Funkhouser;

H. B. 5065: Delegates Browning and Kyle;

H. B. 5341: Delegate Heckert;

And,

H. B. 5345: Delegate Pinson.

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. 4848: Delegate Linville.

At 12:28 p.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

28th Day

11:00 A.M.

THIRD READING

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4011 - Relating to advanced recycling.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4053 - To establish the blue envelope program.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4179 - To create felony charge for individuals who assault police officers or police dogs
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4198 - E-Verify Safe Harbor Act [Right to Amend]
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4345 - Relating to the preservation of missing persons records and evidence
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4468 - Relating to confidentiality of court files and law-enforcement records
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4600 - Require all ballots for primary and general elections be received not later than the close of the polls on election day.
- H. B. 4749 - Relating to adding requirements to the foster child bill of rights [Right to Amend]
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4893 - Increase the penalties for contempt of court in a magistrate court

SECOND READING

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4012 - Relating to reducing the regulatory burden on utility companies when constructing and maintaining electric power generation and transmission facilities within this state
- H. B. 4089 - Preservation of hair during chemotherapy. Also known as the "Jessica Huffman Bill"
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4466 - Extend the public intoxication of alcohol code to include being under the impairment of narcotics in public
- H. B. 4474 - Extending the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council sunset date.
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4501 - Relating to Dietitian Licensure Compact

- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4695 - To double the criminal penalty for anyone found guilty of sexual assault on a minor
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4767 - Relating to requiring the Bureau for Medical Services to file a legislative rule
- H. B. 5022 - Relating to expanding the programs to be included in the annual capitation rate review.

FIRST READING

- Com. Sub. for S. B. 207 - Clarifying sheriff's compensation for collection of taxes
- Com. Sub. for H. B. 4412 - Require certain websites to utilize age verification methods to prevent minors from accessing content
- H. B. 4725 - Clarifying the disposition of animal subject to animal cruelty treatment.
- H. B. 4801 - Defining Permissible expenditures for municipalities and counties

HOUSE CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

28th Day

11:00 A.M.

SECOND READING

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4477 - To give the Secretary of State authority to refer allegations of violations of election laws to West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute.

FIRST READING

Com. Sub. for H. B. 4640 - Relating to drugs and adding a provision relating to the scheduling of crystalline polymorph psilocybin approved by the Food and Drug Administration

WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE ON RULES

10:45 A.M. – SPEAKERS CONFERENCE ROOM 218M

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REVENUE

8:30 A.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BANKING AND INSURANCE

1:00 P.M. – FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM 460M

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGAL SERVICES

9:45 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

10:00 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COURTS

10:15 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE AND
TOURISM**

1:00 P.M. – EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM 434M

SUBCOMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

2:00 P.M. – EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM 434M

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

3:30 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION
1:00 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL CHOICE
2:00 P.M. – EAST WING COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND PUBLIC WORKS
3:00 P.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM 410M**

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