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## SECOND 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 Wednesday, January 10, 2024, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

### Resolutions Introduced

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hanshaw, offered the following resolution on behalf of all Members of the House:

**H. C. R. 13** – “Commemorating the life of Marilyn Kay Parsons, devoted mother, grandmother, dedicated public servant and icon of the West Virginia Legislature.”

At the respective requests of Delegate Householder, and by unanimous consent, reference of the resolution (H. C. R. 13) to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration and put upon its adoption.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

On the question of the adoption of the resolution, the yeas and nays were demanded, which demand was sustained.

The yeas and nays having been ordered, they were taken (**Roll No. 2**), and there were—yeas 96, nays none, absent and not voting 2, with the absent and not voting being as follows:

Absent and Not Voting: Martin and McGeehan.

So, a majority of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the Speaker declared the resolution adopted.

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

### Bills Introduced

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

#### By Delegate Holstein:

**H. B. 4018** - “A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §3-1C-1, §3-1C-2, §3-1C-3, and §3-1C-4, all relating to providing the procedure for election observers during elections in the state; eligibility and qualifications of observers; and requiring the Secretary of State to propose legislative rules”; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4023** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-11-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the definition of employee under the West Virginia Human Rights Commission"; to the Committee on Workforce Development then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Rowe:**

**H. B. 4596** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §42-2-1; to amend and reenact §42-3-2 of said code, as amended; and to repeal §44-1-17 of said code, all relating to the creation of an exempt property allowance in the surviving spouse or minor children of a decedent"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Rowe:**

**H. B. 4597** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-4e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reducing the personal income tax to zero for those making \$60,000 or below"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Rowe:**

**H. B. 4598** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-21-4e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reducing the personal income tax to zero for those making \$40,000 or below"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4599** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-1-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to state boards of examination or registration; and requiring the Treasurer to transfer certain funds accumulated by the boards into the State General Fund"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4600** - "A Bill to repeal §8-13-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eliminating the domestic animal tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4601** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-1-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the authority of municipalities participating in the Municipal Home Rule Program to impose a municipal sales tax"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4602** - "A Bill to repeal §8-13-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to municipal licensing and taxes therefor"; to the Committee on Political Subdivisions then Government Organization.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4603** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-1-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing an Occupational Licensing Legal Fund from existing revenue; creating special revenue fund; providing for transfer of money from excess receipts of occupational licensing boards; specifying authorized uses of fund; providing that expenditures are subject to appropriation by Legislature; requiring transfer of balance excess to General Revenue Fund; and providing for notification to the Legislative Auditor"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4604** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18-5H-1, §18-5H-2, §18-5H-3, and §18-5H-4, all relating to the Virtual Public School's Act; providing a short title and declaration of intent; including definitions; and providing accountability requirements"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4605** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto 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, all relating to the creation of the Agricultural Right to Repair Act; and 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"; to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4606** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §31-15-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Economic Development Authority; creating a small business and minority populations economic and workforce development taskforce to assist the Director of the Economic Development Authority in developing and implementing a procedure to address employment, labor force participation, and economic development problems of small business and low income and minority populations of West Virginia; and developing a pilot project that can be used as a model to promote the growth and development of small business to increase employment and labor force participation across West Virginia"; to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4607** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §9-8-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eligibility verification for applicants for public assistance and authorizing rulemaking"; to the Committee on Senior, Children, and Family Issues then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4608** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-52, relating to mandatory drug testing of all classes of employees in K through 12 schools"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4609** - "A Bill to repeal §48-9-301 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §48-9-302 of said code, all relating to removing the discretion of the court to issue a written investigation for proceedings under this article; to ensuring that the West Virginia judiciary remains neutral and detached in all matters pending before any court of this state; to ensuring that the West Virginia judiciary does not in any way initiate or participate in investigations or other activities properly reserved to the executive consistent with the separation of powers required under Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia; to ensuring that the West Virginia judiciary at all times in the performance of its duties acts in a manner consistent with West Virginia Judicial Code of Conduct Rule 2.9, which states that '[a] judge shall not initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications, or consider other communications made to the judge outside the presence of the parties or their lawyers, concerning a pending or impending matter;' and to ensuring that courts are abiding by the foundational principle of Anglo-American jurisprudence rooted in the Magna Carta and the Due Process clauses of the United States Constitution that no person may have their rights curtailed or stripped from them without

the right to confront any witnesses and to rebut any evidence against them, as well as to present their own witnesses and evidence to the court"; to the Committee on Senior, Children, and Family Issues then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Howell:**

**H. B. 4610** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5B-2-16a; and to amend and reenact §18-9D-3 of said code, all relating to creating special revenue account in the State Treasury known as School Building Authority Agricultural, Vocational and Technical Training Facilities Grant Fund; purposes and fund sources; providing for awarding grants with limitation; authorizing public-private partnerships; authorizing program rules and emergency rules if necessary; providing for project administration under grants by the School Building Authority and School Building Authority and providing for constructing, renovating and/or expanding agricultural, vocational and technical training facilities at West Virginia public schools"; to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism then Education.

**By Delegate Ross:**

**H. B. 4611** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-14D-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to deputy sheriff retirement benefits"; to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement then Finance.

**By Delegate Rowe:**

**H. B. 4612** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new sections, designated §16-1-22 and §16-1-22a, all relating to social determinants of health; establishing the Minority Health Advisory Team including its composition and duties; authorizing a Community Health Equity Initiative Demonstration Project; authorizing the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health to establish a Community Health Equity Initiative Demonstration Project; establishing eligibility requirements; providing for the administration of the demonstration project; establishing requirements for a demonstration project plan and the selection of communities for participation; establishing reporting requirements; and establishing the date on which the demonstration project terminates"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4613** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16-30; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-15-4x; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-16-3ii; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-24-7x; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25-8u; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25A-8x; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §33-57A-1, §33-57A-2, §33-57A-3, §33-57A-4, and §33-57A-5, all relating to creating the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Insurance Coverage Protection Act; requiring certain insurance policies to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorders; defining terms; mandating generally accepted standards be followed when making medical necessity determinations; and prohibiting discretionary clauses"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4614** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-98, relating to tax reductions and other aid for West Virginians; stating a purpose; providing for a child tax credit; providing for a child and dependent care tax

credit; authorizing an earned income tax credit; authorizing a student loan interest tax credit; and providing for rulemaking and an effective date"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4615** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §6-15-1, §6-15-2, and §6-15-3, all relating to requiring the State Auditor to establish a website centralizing access to all postings of legal advertisements required by law"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4616** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17B-2-10a, relating to an occupational limited license"; to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Hornbuckle:**

**H. B. 4617** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-16-7h; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-5A-6; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-15-4x; to amend and reenact §33-16-3g of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-16-3pp; to amend and reenact §33-24-7b of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-24-7y; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25-8v; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-25A-8y, all relating to insurance coverage for breast cancer screening"; to the Committee on Banking and Insurance then Finance.

**By Delegate Rowe:**

**H. B. 4618** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §24-9-1, §24-9-2, and §24-9-3, all relating to establishing the consumer advocate division as a separate, independent agency; providing for legislative findings; providing the purpose of the Consumer Advocate Division; providing for a report to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance and the Governor; and distinguishing the Consumer Advocate Division as an independent agency that is separate from the Public Service Commission"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4619** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11A-4-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reducing to one year the deadline for right to set aside deed when one entitled to notice of tax sale was not notified"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4620** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-2-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement that a local county health department issue a food handler permit or card; and providing that food handlers shall follow United States Food and Drug Administration regulations applicable to food-handling operations"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4621** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §62-1-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to criminal procedure; preliminary procedure; and when a mug shot of an accused person may be made public"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4622** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16A-15-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to medical marijuana; clarifying certain provisions relating to employment of individuals using medical marijuana that would otherwise be denied employment due to the use of marijuana; clarifying federal provisions for employers to prohibit the use of medical marijuana; preserving an employer's right to continue or establish a drug-free workplace program or policy; and prohibiting a cause of action be brought against an employer for wrongful termination or discrimination due to an employee's use of medical marijuana"; to the Committee on Workforce Development then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4623** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-1-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to monetary requirements of the boards; reducing the fund balance amounts of the boards to the average annual expenses from the previous five years; creating an Occupational Licensing Legal Fund from existing revenues; providing for transfer of money from excess receipts of occupational licensing boards; specifying authorized uses of the funds; providing that expenditures are subject to appropriation by the Legislature; and requiring a balance transfer to the General Revenue Fund"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4624** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §6-9B-1, §6-9B-3, and §6-9B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §6-9B-5 and §6-9B-6, all relating to requiring certain entities to provide information to the State Auditor for inclusion on the financial transparency website; requiring government agencies and counties to provide certain information to the State Auditor; providing that certain county financial information is to be included on the financial transparency website; requiring the State Auditor to make counties' financial information publicly available on the financial transparency website; requiring counties to submit certain financial information to the State Auditor; setting forth the information that counties are required to send; specifying when the information must be sent; requiring the State Auditor to publicly identify any county that fails to comply with certain requirements; granting the State Auditor the authority to promulgate legislative rules to implement the provisions of this article"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4625** - "A Bill to repeal §19-2C-1, §19-2C-2, §19-2C-3, §19-2C-3a, §19-2C-3b, §19-2C-4, §19-2C-5, §19-2C-5a, §19-2C-5b, §19-2C-6, §19-2C-6a, §19-2C-6b, §19-2C-6c, §19-2C-7, §19-2C-8, §19-2C-8a, §19-2C-9, §19-2C-9a, and §19-2C-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the licensing of auctioneers"; to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources then Government Organization.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4626** - "A Bill to repeal §8-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the business and occupation or privilege tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4627** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2B-2, §15-2B-3, §15-2B-5, §15-2B-6, §15-2B-9, and §15-2B-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to DNA that is maintained for law-enforcement purposes in West Virginia; providing updates for the policy of

maintaining DNA; requiring DNA testing of all persons convicted of felonies and certain misdemeanors; updating definitions; adding language to further define and include qualified arrestees in the state DNA database; requiring testing of qualified arrestees on intake; specifying testing methods; authorizing emergency and requiring legislative rules; specifying expungement for qualified arrestees in certain circumstances; and providing failure to expunge or reasonable delay in expungement will not invalidate an identification, warrant, probable cause to arrest or arrest based upon a database match"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 4628** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-11A-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §5-22-1 of said code; to amend and reenact §21-1-3 of said code; to amend and reenact §21-3C-10a, §21-3C-10b, and §21-3C-11 of said code; to amend and reenact §21-9-2, and §21-9-9 of said code; to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §21-11-1, §21-11-2, §21-11-3, §21-11-4, §21-11-5, §21-11-6, §21-11-7, §21-11-8, §21-11-9, §21-11-10, §21-11-11, §21-11-12, §21-11-13, §21-11-14, §21-11-15, §21-11-16, §21-11-17, §21-11-18, §21-11-19, and §21-11-20; to amend and reenact §21-11A-2 and §21-11A-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §21-16-4 of said code; to amend and reenact §21A-10-11 of said code; and to repeal §30-42-1, §30-42-2, §30-42-3, §30-42-4, §30-42-5, §30-42-6, §30-42-7, §30-42-8, §30-42-9, §30-42-10, §30-42-11, §30-42-12, §30-42-13, §30-42-14, §30-42-15, §30-42-16, §30-42-17, §30-42-18, §30-42-19, and §30-42-20, all relating to the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Act; providing for relocating the licensing of contractors from Chapter 30 back to Chapter 21 of this code; providing a short title and declaration of policy with definitions; continuing the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board, its composition, and the terms, qualifications and appointment of members; defining administrative duties of board; authorizing the proposal of legislative rules; changing the congressional district residency requirement for members of the board; requiring contractor license and providing exemptions; providing licensing procedure; providing for expiration date, fees, and renewal of license; providing for revocation for unlawful use, assignment or transfer of license; providing for prerequisites to obtaining building permit and mandatory written contracts; providing for requiring informational list for basic universal design features; providing for injunction and criminal penalties for violation of article; providing for specific administrative duties of board and record keeping by the board; establishing authorization to grant reciprocity and to provide training to students who desire to obtain a West Virginia contractor license; providing for misdemeanor criminal penalties for violations of article; providing for limitations on municipalities, local governments, and counties from requiring a license to perform contractor work; providing for an exemption from a contractor license for residential work up to \$5,000 and commercial work up to \$25,000; providing for an exemption from a contractor license for a person performing landscaping and painting services; establishing regulatory review schedule for board; and making technical changes to update code citation references throughout the code"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4629** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18B-22-1, §18B-22-2, §18B-22-3, §18B-22-4, §18B-22-5, and §18B-22-6, all relating to creating the Hunger Free Campus Act; providing for a short title; enacting the act and providing for a legislative purpose; providing qualifications for campuses to be designated as 'Hunger-Free' zones; giving a reporting requirement; appropriating money; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4630** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-20-1 and §20-20-2, all relating to energy storage systems, and providing for energy storage system access"; to the Committee on Energy and Manufacturing.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4631** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §21-5J-1, §21-5J-2, §21-5J-3, §21-5J-4, §21-5J-5, §21-5J-6, §21-5J-7, §21-5J-8, §21-5J-9, and §21-5J-10, all relating to creating a paid parental leave pilot program; providing findings and purpose; definitions; paid parental leave and requirements for claiming benefits; requiring employer to continue group health insurance coverage for employee; employment benefits and seniority position upon return from leave; benefits not to accrue during period of leave; employers required to respond to survey to Department of Labor; requiring department to report to Joint Committee on Government Organization; authorizing emergency rulemaking authority; and providing December 31, 2026, sunset"; to the Committee on Banking and Insurance then Finance.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4632** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §20-20-1, §20-20-2, and §20-20-3, all relating to energy storage, establishing legislative intent, defining terms, establishing mechanisms for procurement, and providing for legislative rules"; to the Committee on Energy and Manufacturing.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4633** - "A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-2-14, relating to requiring Medicaid to submit all state plan amendments, waiver submissions, and policy changes to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability in advance of submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4634** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5D-2-1, §5D-2-2, §5D-2-3, §5D-2-4, and §5D-2-5, all relating to establishing a Legislative Commission on Energy Storage Resources; declaring legislative findings and a statement of purpose; creating the commission as an advisory body to the Legislature; providing for administrative services to the commission; listing membership; providing compensation and reimbursement for expenses of members; establishing the powers and duties of the commission; requiring reports to the Legislature; and setting a sunset date for the termination of the commission"; to the Committee on Energy and Manufacturing then Government Organization.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4635** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §5-31-1, §5-31-2, §5-31-3, §5-31-4, §5-31-5, and §5-31-6, all relating to establishing the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force; giving criteria for members; establishing duties for the task force; providing for the power of the task force; creating a report to be submitted to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance; and creating a termination date"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Foster:**

**H. B. 4636** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new chapter, designated §8B-1-1, §8B-1-2, §8B-1-3, §8B-1-4, §8B-1-5, and §8B-1-6, all relating to creating the Local Government Labor and Consumer Marketing Regulatory Limitation Act; prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting certain ordinances, regulations, local policies, local resolutions, or other legal requirements; providing a short title; setting forth legislative findings and declarations; defining terms; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates information requested, required, or excluded on an application for employment; providing that

political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer to pay a wage higher than any applicable state or federal law; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer to pay wages or fringe benefits based on a rate prevailing in the locality or the state; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates work stoppages, strike activity, or means by which employees organize; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer to provide paid or unpaid leave time; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which requires an employer or its employees to participate in an apprenticeship or apprenticeship training program not required by federal or state law; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates an employee's hours and scheduling; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates standards or requirements regarding the sale or marketing of consumer merchandise that are different from or in addition to state law; providing that political subdivisions may not adopt or enforce any ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement which regulates standards of care or conduct for certain professions; providing for civil relief; establishing a civil cause of action which, if proven in a court of competent jurisdiction, may permit a person to recover damages, including compensatory and punitive damages, costs and attorney's fees, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate equitable relief against any political subdivision violating the Local Government Labor and Consumer Marketing Regulatory Limitation Act; providing exceptions; clarifying effect on prior written agreements; providing that any prohibited ordinance, regulation, local policy, local resolution, or other legal requirement in effect prior to the effective date of chapter is void; providing that the prohibitions do not apply to employees of a political subdivision; and clarifying the effect on the West Virginia Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Act"; to the Committee on Political Subdivisions then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4637** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §18B-22-1, §18B-22-2, §18B-22-3, §18B-22-4, §18B-22-5, §18B-22-6, §18B-22-7, §18B-22-8, §18B-22-9, and §18B-22-10, all relating to the Student Basic Needs Campus Initiative; establishing the Student Basic Needs Campus Initiative; authorizing the creation of the Student Basic Needs Campus Program office; establishing the duties of the Hunger Free Campus Program office; authorizing the Student Basic Needs Campus Program office to administer and advise the Chancellor on the Student Basic Needs Campus Grant Program; establishing the requirement for designation as a Student Basic Needs Campus; setting requirements for awarding Student Basic Needs grants; addressing Student Basic Needs Campus grant administration; creating the Student Basic Needs Campus Program and Grant Fund; setting forth reporting requirements; and authorizing legislative rules"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4638** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-16A-4 and §17-16A-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to ending the collection of tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike after the bonds are paid off"; to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then Finance.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 4639** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-16A-31, relating to exempting school buses from paying toll fees"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

**Leaves of Absence**

At the request of Delegate Householder, and by unanimous consent, leaves of absence for the day were granted Delegates Martin and McGeehan.

At 11:14 a.m., the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 12, 2024.

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**HOUSE OF DELEGATES**  
**STEPHEN J. HARRISON, Clerk**  
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**1900 Kanawha Blvd., East**  
**Charleston, WV 25305-0470**

**SPECIAL CALENDAR**

**Friday, January 12, 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Day**

**11:00 A. M.**

**(No Bills)**



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**Friday, January 12, 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Day**

**11:00 A. M.**

**(No Bills)**

# **WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**

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**HOUSE CONVENES AT 11:00 A.M.**

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**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
9:30AM  
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM**







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