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

Pursuant to the adjournment taken on January 8, 2025, in accordance with Section 18, Article VI of the Constitution of the State, the House of Delegates assembled in its Chamber in the Capitol Building at 12:00 noon this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

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

**Messages from the Executive**

**And Other Communications**

The following communications were reported by the Clerk:



*Jim Justice*  
Governor of West Virginia

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THIS DATE January 10, 2025  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION

January 10, 2025

The Honorable Mac Warner  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 3-10-5, I have this day appointed David Cannon, Romney, Hampshire County, as a Delegate representing the Eighty-Ninth District of the House of Delegates, to fill the vacancy created by the Honorable Darren Thorne.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Justice  
Governor

JCJ: mrp

cc: President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
Clerk of the Senate  
Clerk of the House of Delegates  
West Virginia Ethics Commission

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State of West Virginia  
Office of the Chief Executive



January 23, 2025

The Honorable Kris Warner  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 3-10-5, I have this day appointed the Ian Tyler Masters, Gerrardstown, Berkeley County, as a Delegate representing the Ninety-First Delegate District, to fill the vacancy declared by House Resolution 4 (Jan. 8, 2025) from this day through the remainder of the unexpired term of said office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Patrick Morrissey".

Patrick Morrissey  
Governor

cc: President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
Clerk of the Senate  
Clerk of the House of Delegates  
Ethics Commission

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

The Clerk announced that Delegate Parsons had taken the oath of office on January 10, 2025.

The Clerk announced that Delegate Steele had taken the oath of office on January 11, 2025.

The Clerk announced that Delegate Marple had taken the oath of office on January 17, 2025.

The Clerk announced that Delegate Masters had taken the oath of office on January 24, 2025.

The Clerk announced that Delegate Dean had taken the oath of office on January 27, 2025.

The Clerk announced that Delegate Williams had taken the oath of office on February 6, 2025.

The Clerk announced that Delegate Ridenour had taken the oath of office on February 10, 2025.

The Clerk announced that Delegate D. Cannon had taken the oath of office on February 12, 2025.

Delegate McGeehan arose to suggest the absence of a quorum, the Clerk opened the machine for the roll to be taken (**Roll No. 1**), and 99 members being present, the Speaker declared the presence of a quorum. The absent being as follows:

Absent: Steele.

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The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of Wednesday, January 8, 2025, being the first order of business, when the further reading thereof was dispensed with and the same approved.

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### **Committee Reports**

Mr. Speaker (Mr. Hanshaw), Chair of the Select Committee on Rules, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Select Committee on Rules has had under consideration:

**H. R. 1**, Adopting the Rules of the House of Delegates,

And reports back a committee substitute therefor, as follows:

**Com. Sub. for H. R. 1** - "Adopting the Rules of the House of Delegates,"

With the recommendation that the committee substitute be adopted.

Delegate Hansen moved to amend Com. Sub. for H. R. 1 on page 33, Rule 83a, line 842, following the words "legislature's website" by striking out the period and inserting in lieu thereof, the following "not less than 48 hours prior to the announced committee meeting time."

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Brooks moved to amend the bill on page 56, rule 141, line 1423, by inserting the following: "Recess 141. The House shall recess every two hours for 30 minutes."

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Williams moves to amend Com Sub for H. R. 1 on page 30, Rule 79, line 753, following the words "a committee" by inserting a coma and the following: "and the minority chair after consultation with the chair."

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Hornbuckle moves to amend Com Sub for H. R. 1 on page 34, Rule 83b., lines 855 through 860 by following the words "changes to legislation." on line 855, by striking out the remainder of the paragraph.

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Fluharty moves to amend the Com Sub for H. R. 1 on page 10, Rule 32, by striking out lines 226 and 227 in their entirety.

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Hansen moves to amend Com Sub for H. R. 1 on pages 35 and 36, Rule 84, lines 883 through 911, by restoring the stricken language to current rule 84 to allow for public hearings.

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Pushkin moves to amend the Com Sub for H. R. 1 on page 11, Rule 38, line 261, by striking out the word "once" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twice".

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Pushkin moves to amend the Com Sub for H. R. 1 on page 20, Rule 65, lines 494 and 495, by striking out the words "(held on Wednesday, if requested by any member, and a time designated by the Speaker)."

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

Delegate Young moves to amend Com Sub for H. R. 1 on page 36, Rule 84, on line 913 following the word "Audio" by inserting the words "and video"; and on line 915 by following the word "audio" by inserting the words "or video".

The question before the House being the adoption of the amendment, the same was put and did not prevail.

The resolution (H. R. 1) was then adopted.

### **Messages from the Senate**

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the adoption by the Senate and requested the concurrence of the House of Delegates in the adoption of the following concurrent resolution, which was read by its title and as follows:

**S. C. R. 4** - "Amending the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates."

At the respective requests of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, reference of the resolution (S. C. R. 4) to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

### **Resolutions Introduced**

Delegate Hanshaw, Mr. Speaker, offered the following resolution, which was read by its title:

**H. C. R. 4** - "Extending an invitation to His Excellency, the Governor, to deliver an address to the Legislature and raising a Joint Assembly therefor."

WHEREAS, His Excellency, the Governor, has advised that he will be pleased to address a Joint Assembly of the Senate and House of Delegates at the convenience of the two houses; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That His Excellency, the Governor, be hereby invited to address a Joint Assembly of the Legislature at 7:00 o'clock postmeridian this day; and, be it

*Further Resolved*, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoint three members of each of the respective houses of the Legislature as a committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and escort him into the Hall of the House of Delegates at the time herein appointed for hearing the address.

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, reference of the resolution (H. C. R. 4) to a committee was dispensed with, and it was taken up for immediate consideration and adopted.

Whereupon,

In accordance with the provisions of the resolution, the Speaker appointed as members of the committee to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, the following:

Delegates Hott, Kimball, and Hornbuckle.

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

### **Bills Introduced**



The following communications from the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, were reported by the Clerk:



**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**  
**LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
STATE CAPITOL  
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

February 10, 2025

The Honorable Bruce Cassis  
Clerk, West Virginia Senate  
State Capitol  
Charleston, WV 25305

The Honorable Jeffrey Pack  
Clerk, West Virginia House of Delegates  
State Capitol  
Charleston, WV 25305

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of W.Va. Code, §29A-3-12, we have attached copies of the proposed legislative rules which have been submitted to and acted upon by the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code, §29A-3-11, and which have not previously been submitted to the Legislature for authorization.

Also, attached is a report listing the proposed legislative rules considered by the Committee, and setting forth the recommendations of the Committee with respect to the proposed legislative rules. This letter also serves as a statement that a separate bill authorizing the promulgation of each proposed legislative rule has been drafted by the staff of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee.

In accordance with W.Va. Code, §29A-3-11, the draft bills are available for any member to introduce to the Legislature. The undersigned, as Co-Chairs of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee, are requesting that Senator Rucker's name be placed on the draft bills as the sponsor in the Senate, and Delegate Smith's name be placed on the draft bills as the sponsor in the House of Delegates.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Patricia Rucker, Chair  
Senate



Doug Smith, Chair  
House of Delegates

Attachments:  
LRMRC Final Report

cc: The Honorable Randy Smith  
President, West Virginia Senate

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw  
Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates

Rich Olsen, Legislative Administrator  
Legislative Services

Anne Ellison, Director  
Legislative Services Division



**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**  
**LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
STATE CAPITOL  
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

February 10, 2025

West Virginia Legislature  
State Capitol  
Charleston, West Virginia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, §29A-3-12, as chairpersons of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee we submit this report of its activities. A bill, in the form approved by the Committee, authorizing each of the proposed legislative rules below as submitted, as modified, as modified and amended, or as amended have been drafted by staff of the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee pursuant to West Virginia Code §29A-3-11.

**The Committee submits the following proposed rules to the Legislature with the recommendation that the proposed rules be authorized for promulgation by the respective agencies as submitted:**

Administration, WV Department of  
General Administration of Records Management and Preservation, 148 CSR 12

Administration, WV Department of  
Retention and Disposal Scheduling, 148 CSR 13

Administration, WV Department of  
Management of Records Maintained by the Records Center, 148 CSR 14

Administration, WV Department of  
Exemptions from Management Services Provided by the Fleet Management Division, 148 CSR  
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Administration, WV Department of  
Financial Services Reporting, 148 CSR 24

Agriculture, WV Department of  
State Aid for Fairs and Festivals, 61 CSR 03

Agriculture, WV Department of  
Inspection of Meat Poultry, 61 CSR 16

Agriculture, WV Department of  
Licensing and Other Fees, 61 CSR 18

Agriculture, WV Department of  
Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program, 61 CSR 33

Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, WV  
Private Club Licensing, 175 CSR 02

Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, WV  
Tobacco Products in Vending Machines, 175 CSR 09

Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, WV  
Retail Enforcement of Select Plant-Based Derivatives and Derivative Products: Hemp and  
Kratom, 175 CSR 11

Architects, WV Board of  
Fees for Registration of Architects, 2 CSR 03

Auditor, Office of the State  
Local Government Purchasing Card Program, 155 CSR 06

Chiropractic Examiners, WV Board of  
Consideration of Prior Criminal Convictions in Initial Licensure Determinations, 4 CSR 08

Conservation Agency, WV  
State Conservation Committee Grant Program, 63 CSR 03

DEP  
Hazardous Waste Management System, 33 CSR 20

DEP  
Ambient Air Quality Standards, 45 CSR 08

DEP  
Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources, 45 CSR 16

Department of Health  
Medical Cannabis Program - Grower/Processors, 64 CSR 110

- Department of Health
  - Medical Cannabis Program - Laboratories, 64 CSR 111
- Department of Health
  - Medical Cannabis Program - Dispensaries, 64 CSR 112
- Department of Health
  - Medical Cannabis Program - Safe Harbor Letter, 64 CSR 113
- Department of Health
  - Fatality and Mortality Review Team, 64 CSR 29
- Department of Health
  - Emergency Medical Services, 64 CSR 48
- Department of Health
  - Primary Care Support, 64 CSR 70
- Department of Human Services
  - Pilot Program for Drug Screening of Applicants for Cash Assistance, 78 CSR 26
- Health Care Authority, WV
  - Critical Access Hospitals, 65 CSR 09
- Highways, WV Division of
  - Use of State Road Rights of Way and Adjacent Areas, 157 CSR 06
- Highways, WV Division of
  - Transportation of Hazardous Wastes Upon the Roads and Highways, 157 CSR 07
- Highways, WV Division of
  - Small Wireless Facilities on Division of Highways Rights-of-Way, 157 CSR 13
- Information Services and Communications Divisions
  - Plan of Operation, 161 CSR 01
- Information Services and Communications Divisions
  - Telecommunications Payments by Spending Units, 161 CSR 02
- Insurance Commission, WV
  - Medicare Supplement Insurance, 114 CSR 24
- Massage Therapy Licensure Board, WV
  - General Provisions, 194 CSR 01

- Medicine, WV Board of  
Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Initial Licensure Applicants, 11 CSR 13
- Miners Health, Safety and Training  
Rules governing the Certification, Recertification, and Training of EMT-Miners and the Certification of EMT-M Instructors, 56 CSR 22
- Motor Vehicles, WV Division of  
Safety and Treatment Program, 91 CSR 15
- Motor Vehicles, WV Division of  
State Vehicle Title, Registration and Relicensing Project of 2018, 91 CSR 24
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Transporting and Selling Wildlife Parts and Pelts, 58 CSR 16
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Boating Rule, 58 CSR 25
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Special Boating Rule, 58 CSR 26
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Special Projects and Grants for West Virginia State Parks, State Forests, and State Rail Trails under the Division of Natural Resources, 58 CSR 34
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
General Hunting, 58 CSR 49
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Special Waterfowl Hunting, 58 CSR 58
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Special Fishing Rule, 58 CSR 61
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Catching and Selling Baitfish, 58 CSR 62
- Natural Resources, WV Division of  
Falconry, 58 CSR 65
- Occupational Therapy, WV Board of  
Fees for Services Rendered by the Board, 13 CSR 03
- Occupational Therapy, WV Board of  
Request for Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Individuals, 13 CSR 07

Osteopathic Medicine, WV Board of  
Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Initial Licensure Applicants, 24 CSR 08

Pharmacy, WV Board of  
Application of Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Individuals, 15 CSR 18

Protective Services, WV Division of  
Ranks and Duties of Officers Within the Membership of the Division, 99 CSR 02

Public Defender Services  
Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses of Court-Appointed Attorneys, 89 CSR 01

Real Estate Commission, WV  
Application for Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Individuals, 174 CSR 06

Real Estate Commission, WV  
Consideration of Prior Criminal Convictions in Initial License Eligibility Determination, 174 CSR 07

Registered Professional Nurses, WV Board of Examiners for  
Requirements for Registration and Licensure and Conduct Constituting Professional Misconduct, 19 CSR 03

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of  
Consumer Sales and Service Tax and Use Tax - Drugs, Durable Medical Goods, Mobility Enhancing Equipment and Prosthetic Devices Per Se Exemption; Motor Vehicle Per Se Exemption, 110 CSR 15C

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of  
Exchange of Information Pursuant to Written Agreements, 110 CSR 50C

**The Committee submits to the Legislature the following proposed rules which were modified by the agency in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, §29A-3-14, and which were approved by the Committee with the modifications with the recommendation that the proposed rules be authorized for adoption by the respective agencies as modified:**

Agriculture, WV Department of  
WV Manufacture-Grade Milk, 61 CSR 19

Agriculture, WV Department of  
Employment Reference and Inquiries and Background Checks, 61 CSR 20

Agriculture, WV Department of



West Virginia Fish Processing Rules, 61 CSR 23A

Agriculture, WV Department of  
Select Plant-Based Derivatives and Select Plant-Based Derivative Products, 61 CSR 30

Agriculture, WV Department of  
Raw Milk, 61 CSR 41

Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, WV  
Sale of Wine and Hard Cider, 175 CSR 04

Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, WV  
Distilleries, Mini-Distilleries, and Micro-Distilleries, 175 CSR 10

Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, WV  
Nonintoxicating Beer Licensing and Operations Procedures, 176 CSR 01

Architects, WV Board of  
Registration of Architects, 2 CSR 01

Auditor, Office of the State  
Rules for Private Trust Companies, 155 CSR 12

Barbers and Cosmetologists, WV Board of  
Operation of Barber, Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Aesthetic, Hair Styling, and Waxing  
Salons and Schools, 3 CSR 05

Barbers and Cosmetologists, WV Board of  
Schedule of Fees, 3 CSR 06

Barbers and Cosmetologists, WV Board of  
Schedule of Fines, 3 CSR 07

DEP  
Control of Air Pollution from Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities, 45  
CSR 25

DEP  
Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, 45 CSR 34

DEP  
Requirements Governing Water Quality Standards, 47 CSR 02

DEP  
Water Pollution Control Permit Fee Schedules, 47 CSR 26

Department of Health  
Public Water Systems, 64 CSR 03

Department of Health  
Medical Cannabis Program - General Provisions, 64 CSR 109

Department of Health  
Statewide Trauma and Emergency Care System, 64 CSR 27

Department of Health  
Vital Statistics, 64 CSR 32

Department of Health  
Recovery Residence Certification and Registration Program, 69 CSR 15

Election Commission  
Regulation of Campaign Finance, 146 CSR 03

Funeral Service Examiners, WV Board of  
Funeral Director, Embalmer, Apprentice, Courtesy Card Holders and Funeral Establishment  
Requirements, 6 CSR 01

Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction  
Protocol for Law Enforcement Response to Child Abuse and Neglect, 149 CSR 08

Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction  
Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations, 149 CSR 11

Highways, WV Division of  
Construction and Reconstruction of State Roads, 157 CSR 03

Lottery Commission, WV  
West Virginia Lottery Sports Wagering Rule, 179 CSR 09

Motor Vehicles, WV Division of  
Denial, Suspension, Revocation, Disqualification, Restriction, Non-Renewal, Cancellation,  
Administrative Appeals, and Reinstatement of Driving Privileges, 91 CSR 05

Motor Vehicles, WV Division of  
Disclosure of Information from the Files of Division of Motor Vehicles, 91 CSR 08

Motor Vehicles, WV Division of  
Handicapped Placards, 91 CSR 10

Natural Resources, WV Division of

Public Use of Campgrounds in West Virginia State Parks and State Forests and Campsites in State Rail Trails under the Division of Natural Resources, 58 CSR 32

Natural Resources, WV Division of

Prohibitions When Hunting and Trapping, 58 CSR 47

Occupational Therapy, WV Board of

Competency Standards for Advanced Practice by Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants, 13 CSR 05

Occupational Therapy, WV Board of

Consideration of Prior Criminal Convictions in Initial Licensure Determinations, 13 CSR 08

Occupational Therapy, WV Board of

Telehealth; Practice; Requirements; Definitions, 13 CSR 09

Office of Inspector General

Hospital Licensure, 71 CSR 12

Office of the Inspector General

Behavioral Health Centers Licensure, 71 CSR 25

Office of Technology

Plan of Operation, 163 CSR 04

Office of Technology

Telecommunications Payments Made by State Spending Units, 163 CSR 05

Parkways Authority

Rules Supporting Electronic Toll Collection and Enforcement, 184 CSR 05

Pharmacy, WV Board of

Licensure and Practice of Pharmacy, 15 CSR 01

Pharmacy, WV Board of

Rules of the Board of Pharmacy for the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, 15 CSR 02

Pharmacy, WV Board of

Regulations Governing Pharmacy Permits, 15 CSR 15

Psychologists, WV Board of

Consideration of Prior Criminal Convictions in Initial Licensure Determinations and Application for Waiver of Initial Licensing Fees for Certain Individuals, 17 CSR 07

Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, WV

Requirements for Licensure and Certification, 190 CSR 02

Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, WV  
Renewal of Licensure of Certification, 190 CSR 03

Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, WV  
Consideration of Prior Criminal Convictions in Initial Licensure Eligibility Determination, 190 CSR 05

Real Estate Commission, WV  
Licensing Real Estate Brokers, Associate Brokers, and Salespersons and the Conduct of Brokerage Business, 174 CSR 01

Respiratory Care, WV Board of  
Consideration of Prior Criminal Convictions in Initial Licensure Determination, 30 CSR 10

Respiratory Care, WV Board of  
Telehealth Practice; Requirements; Definitions, 30 CSR 11

Sanitarians, State Board of  
The Practice of Public Health Sanitation, 20 CSR 04

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, WV Board of Examiners for  
Rule Governing Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Assistants, 29 CSR 02

State Emergency Response Commission  
Emergency Planning Grant Program, 55 CSR 02

State Police, WV  
Cadet Selection, 81 CSR 02

State Police, WV  
West Virginia State Police Career Progression System, 81 CSR 03

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of  
Payment of Taxes by Electronic Funds Transfer, 110 CSR 10F

Tax and Revenue, WV Department of  
Alternative Resolution of Tax Disputes, 110 CSR 10G

Treasurer's Office, WV State  
Hope Scholarship Program, 112 CSR 18

West Virginia Board of Dentistry  
Continuing Education Requirements, 5 CSR 11

West Virginia Board of Dentistry  
Mobile Dental Facilities and Portable Dental Units, 5 CSR 14

**The Committee submits the following legislative rule which was approved by the Committee in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, §29A-3-11, with the recommendation that the proposed rule be authorized for the promulgation by the respective agency with amendments:**

DEP  
Underground Injection Control, 47 CSR 13

Respiratory Care  
Criteria for Licensure, 30 CSR 01

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

**By Delegates Pinson and Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2027** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-111 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing circumstances for when a child may be removed from a foster home"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Butler:**

**H. B. 2028** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §51-11-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §58-5-8, relating to granting the intermediate court of appeals jurisdiction to hear certified questions; and a party's right to have the intermediate court of appeals answer a certified question on the constitutionality of statute, rule, or executive order of this state that is drawn into question in a case; and subjecting such certified questions to the rules of appellate procedure"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Butler:**

**H. B. 2029** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §21-14-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to permitting individual employees of out-of-state businesses to perform plumbing in West Virginia without an individual plumbing license so long as the plumber is working under the supervision of the in-state licensed employer"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2030** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §7-28-1; to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §8-40-1; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-15-26, relating to hotel and motel housing vouchers; prohibiting city or town from requiring hotel or motel participation in housing voucher programs; prohibiting county from requiring hotel or motel participation in housing voucher programs; and prohibiting a housing authority from requiring hotel or motel participation in housing voucher programs"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2031** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-18-3 and §54-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to limiting the definition of 'blighted property' and limiting the ability of governmental agencies to take private property"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2032** - "A Bill to amend §3-1-17, §3-10-1, §3-10-8 and §6-2-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, and to repeal §7-2-8 of said Code; relating to removing the office of County Surveyor from elections and ending the office in West Virginia"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates Pinson and Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2033** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §48-22-803, relating to adoptive or foster parents and prohibiting any government policy regarding sexual orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2034** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-3-14, relating to requiring that students in high school are required to pass a test on the United States Constitution in order to graduate from high school; providing that the State Board of Education shall create the test; providing that the test require a high passage rate; providing a mechanism for students to re-take the test if necessary; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2035** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding thereto a new article, designated §29-21A-101, §29-21A-102, §29-21A-103, §29-21A-104, §29-21A-105, §29-21A-106, §29-21A-107, §29-21A-108, §29-21A-109, §29-21A-110, §29-21A-111, §29-21A-112, §29-21A-113, §29-21A-114, §29-21A-115, §29-21A-116, §29-21A-117, all related to establishing the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services and authorizing a three year pilot program relating to the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services; providing legislative findings; defining terms; establishing the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services; relating to establishing three year pilot program; relating to a sunset date for pilot program; relating to the creation of the Guardian ad Litem Commission; relating to the purpose and duties of the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services; relating to the executive director of the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services; relating to the powers, duties, and limitations of the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services; relating to the creation of West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Corporations, establishment thereof, and requesting the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals to select three circuits for pilot program; relating to qualified panel attorneys serving as guardian ad litem; relating to approval of guardian ad litem corporation applications, funding, recordkeeping by guardian ad litem corporations, relating to compensation and expenses of qualified panel attorneys; relating to voucher submission by a qualified panel guardian ad litem for payment purposes; relating to limitation on use of funds and exceptions; relating to and establishing the Board of Directors for a West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Corporation; relating to the private practice of law by a public guardian ad litem; relating to the duties of record creation, record making, and record keeping of the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services and a West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Corporation; relating to the duties of creating, maintaining, and availability of required reports of the West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Services and a West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Corporation; relating to audits of the accounts of any West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Corporation; relating to the creation of an annual audit report of West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Corporations; relating to public inspection of annual audit of a West Virginia Public Guardian ad Litem Corporation; relating to civil immunity for an appointed qualified guardian ad litem"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2036** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to prohibiting municipalities from collecting business and occupation taxes on projects that are funded by state or federal government programs"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2037** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §23-4-2b, relating to eligibility for workers' compensation benefits by persons that suffer a traumatic personal injury; requiring blood tests of persons being treated for a traumatic personal injury by the medical provider to determine whether the person is intoxicated under certain circumstances; requirements for testing; circumstances when a blood test may not be administered; exceptions; denial of benefits upon refusal to submit to a blood test; disclosure

to certain persons of test information and results and of refusal of test; limiting criminal and civil liability of persons administering tests; and creating an effective date"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2038** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §20-2-56b, relating to the creation of an 'upland game bird' stamp to support the purchase and release of upland game birds in West Virginia Wildlife Management Areas"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2039** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing motor vehicle registrations and license plates free of charge to volunteer firefighters who have at least five years of service"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

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

**H. B. 2040** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2-21 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Certified Industrial Business Expansion Development Program; and removing the provision that electricity provided to high impact industrial business development districts be generated from renewable sources"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2041** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-111 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the time to terminate a foster care arrangement"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2042** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-601 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to procedures in cases of child neglect or abuse; allowing a guardian ad litem to request the appointment of a court appointed special advocate if that circuit court is serviced by a court appointed special advocate"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2043** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-2-5j of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the use of drones and dogs while hunting and describe their administration"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2044** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing employers that withdraw from participation in a plan a five-year grace period within which to rejoin"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2045** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §33-57-2, relating to health insurance for living organ donors; prohibiting certain actions; and defining terms"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2046** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-2D-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring health care facilities not exempt from certificates of need to provide



health care services to persons who are under the Public Employees Insurance Act"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2047** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-128 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting cameras in bedrooms and bathrooms of foster homes; exemptions"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2048** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §21-1C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to reporting requirements for public improvement projects; specifying alternative forms of records to document persons employed on the project"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2049** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-3-14 and §30-3-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §31B-13-1301 of said code, all relating to midlevel practitioners; permitting physician assistants owning a practice; establishing grounds for discipline or denial of a license or other authorization for physician assistants; clarifying physician assistant shareholder eligibility for medical corporations; permitting physician assistants to serve as designated corporate representatives; and designating the profession of physician assistant as a professional service for the purposes of the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2050** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-3-3a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to suspension of licenses for failure to respond or appear in court when charged with a motor vehicle violation; requiring written notice of all fees owed and impending suspension prior to license suspension; and requiring the citation issuing magistrate court or municipal court to forward administrative fee collected to division"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Hite, G. Howell, Phillips, Heckert, Crouse, McGeehan, Horst, Maynor, Criss and Akers:**

**H. B. 2051** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing the concealed carry of firearms on and in Capitol grounds"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2052** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13W-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the tax credit for apprenticeship training; eliminating the requirement that the credit base be limited to wages paid to apprentices in the construction trades, specifying effective date; and making stylistic changes"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates D. Smith and Heckert:**

**H. B. 2053** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-10-15, §8-22A-2, §9A-3-1, §11-21-12, §15-2-28, §15-2A-2, §18-7A-17a, §18-10F-2, §30-29-6, §48-31-102, and §62-16-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to including the United States Space Force in the definition of 'armed forces'; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate W. Clark:**

**H. B. 2054** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60-7-2 and §60-7-8c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement that a private farmers market have two unrelated vendors apply for a license and obtain a certification that all vendors have agreed to liability responsibility therein; and removing the requirement that a private farmers market provide a written copy of the agreement between all vendors acknowledging that each vendor is jointly and severally liable for any violations"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates D. Smith and W. Clark:**

**H. B. 2055** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60-4-3a, §60-7-2 and §60-8-2 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended; relating to addressing and making minor corrections in the Alcohol Beverage Control Administration ('ABCA') code sections correcting mistakes relating to a \$100 requirement for canned or packaged food and mistaken listed percentage for fortified wine"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2056** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §1-1-4 and §49-4-701 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding a new section designated §1-1-6, relating to concurrent juvenile jurisdiction on military installations; addresses concurrent juvenile jurisdiction and allowing the transfer of exclusive federal legislative jurisdiction back to the state with respect to juveniles"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2057** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §48-27-209, §48-27-403, §48-28-4, §53-8-1 and §53-8-5 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to military interpersonal violence"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates D. Smith, W. Clark and Heckert:**

**H. B. 2058** - "A Bill amend and reenact §18-5-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to further amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §18-2L-1, §18-2L-2, §18-2L-3, §18-2L-4, §18-2L-5, §18-2L-6, §18-2L-7 and §18-2L-8, relating to military connected students access to education; providing definitions, advance enrollment, rights of those students and teacher and student support"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate W. Clark:**

**H. B. 2059** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-113, §49-2-114, §49-2-115, §49-2-115a, §49-2-116, §49-2-117, §49-2-118, §49-2-119, §49-2-120, §49-2-121, §49-2-122, and §49-2-123 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §49-2-1007, relating to the transfer of childcare services from the Department of Human Services to West Virginia State Board of Education; providing for the implementation of Early Childhood Education Centers; providing for funding; and providing for certification"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

**By Delegates W. Clark, Foggin and Funkhouser:**

**H. B. 2060** - "A Bill to amend §19-4-1 and §19-4-20 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-13-2s, relating to creating a tax exemption for agricultural cooperative associations"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegates W. Clark, Funkhouser, Horst, Willis, J Cannon, Hite and Hornby:**

**H. B. 2061** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-22A-10d, §29-22A-10e and §29-22C-27a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the racetrack video lottery changes in distribution of net terminal income; changes in distribution of adjusted gross receipts in the lottery racetrack table games; and to restore moneys previously removed from net terminal income in 2014"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2062** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-5-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring that all municipal elections be held on West Virginia state and federal general election dates"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2063** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §29-6-5a, relating to terminating the Division of Personnel"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegate W. Clark:**

**H. B. 2064** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60-7-8d §60-7-8e and §60-8-32a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to private clubs sale and service of alcoholic liquor, nonintoxicating beer or nonintoxicating craft beer, and where wine may be sold and served; and providing limitations on sealed craft cocktail or wine growlers sold to persons who have dined in an establishment, or a patron who is in vehicle while picking up food or a meal and ordered a sealed craft cocktail or wine growler"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates Sheedy, Cooper, Horst, Crouse, Clay, D. Smith, Maynor, Hornby, Vance, Stephens and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2065** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for one free Gold Star Family license plate to Gold Star parents"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegates Akers, Hall, D. Smith, T. Howell, Drennan, Leavitt and Kyle:**

**H. B. 2066** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated as §61-3-60, relating to damage, destruction, or theft of property or equipment used by first responders; definition; and criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Coop-Gonzalez, Horst, Hillenbrand, Linville, Phillips, Foggin, T. Clark, Anders and McGeehan:**

**H. B. 2067** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §61-7C-1, §61-7C-2, §61-7C-3, §61-7C-4, §61-7C-5, §61-7C-6, §61-7C-7, §61-7C-8, and §61-7C-9, all relating to the creation of the West Virginia Firearms Liability Clarification Act; providing for a short title; setting forth legislative findings and the intent of the article; providing for definitions; providing limitations on negligent marketing claims; creating a predicate exception limitation; setting forth enforcement and penalties; creating a private right of action; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Young:**

**H. B. 2068** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto 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 Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2069** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-20-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for 'any other livestock' as it pertains to penalties for dogs wounding livestock"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2070** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §49-12-1, §49-12-2, §49-12-3, §49-12-4, and §49-12-5 all relating to the Parents' Bill of Rights; creating a short title; providing legislative findings; creating definitions; creating a standard of review; clarifying parental rights; creating a right of action; creating a defense; and providing applicability"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2071** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-29, relating to prohibiting a public school student from being required to participate in instruction related to sexual orientation and gender identity if a parent, custodian, or guardian of the student objects in writing; requiring each public school to afford the parent, custodian, or guardian of a child subject to instruction with respect to sexual orientation and gender identity advance written notification of such instruction and of their right to exempt the child from participation; prohibiting a public school and the county board employees assigned to the school from knowingly giving false or misleading information to the parent, custodian, or guardian of a student regarding the student's gender identity or intention to transition to a gender that is different than the sex listed on a student's official birth certificate or certificate issued upon adoption if the certificate was issued at or near the time of the student's birth; requiring a public school employee to report a student's request for an accommodation that is intended to affirm the student's gender identity from a person employed by the public school to an administrator employed by the county board and assigned to the school; requiring the administrator to report the student's request to the student's parent, custodian, or guardian; allowing for legal action in certain instances of violations; allowing State Board of Education to promulgate rules to; and providing that the provisions of this act are severable"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2072** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-1D-1, §16-1D-2, §16-1D-3, and §16-1D-4, relating to creating a healthcare provider right to object to certain procedures act; definitions; treatments or patients that may be objected to; construction of article; right to file civil action for damages and injunctive relief; action by Attorney General"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Butler:**

**H. B. 2073** - "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 and Immigrant Absorptive Capacity Act; providing a short title; defining terms; setting forth the duties of the state office within the Department of Human Services that deals with refugees and/or immigrants; permitting moratorium applications

and cessations; requiring a fiscal impact assessment; requiring reports; requiring the Department of Human Services to administer the West Virginia Refugee Resettlement Program Plan; and providing a severability provision"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Butler:**

**H. B. 2074** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-6-11a, relating to ventilation and fire suppression for limited use food preparation facilities; providing for legislative findings; creating definitions; providing for enactment of the section; and establishing rulemaking"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2075** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new sections, designated §5-10-22o and §18-7A-26z, relating to providing a cost-of-living adjustment to certain retirees of the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System who have been retired for over 10 years; and providing for the pro rata distribution of the cost-of-living adjustment to certain beneficiaries"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Maynor:**

**H. B. 2076** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; related to authorizing the use of self-pour automated systems for nonintoxicating beer, cider, and wine by the drink on licensee premises"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Kump and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2077** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-3-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring potential voters to provide a copy of either their West Virginia driver's license or any alternative identification information authorized by the West Virginia Secretary of State on their absentee ballot applications"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Kump and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2078** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §3-1-2b, relating to requiring all candidates for office to have their principal place of residence within the election districts for which they are seeking office; defining terms; setting forth facts which can be used to establish principal residence or domicile, and providing an exception"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Kump and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2079** - "A Bill to a to amend and reenact §16-13A-9, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting mandatory hook-ups and installation fees for new or expanding sewer systems"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegates Kump and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2080** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-8-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting the use of school resources in election advocacy efforts; and prohibiting school employees from political activity during hours or on behalf of the school administration"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2081** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-18-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to including all West Virginia correctional classifications in the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Police Officer Retirement System"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2082** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to banning the unsolicited distribution of absentee applications by third parties and election officials"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Kump and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2083** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring absentee ballots to be received by the time the polls close on election day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2084** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §32A-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting fees by merchants to cash a check issued by a governmental entity"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2085** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-14D-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-14D-11a, relating to the Deputy Sheriff Retirement System Act; permitting the board to set the employer contribution rate; setting a maximum employer contribution rate upon payment of the first annual annuity adjustment; and providing an annual annuity adjustment of one percent for eligible deputy sheriff retirants and surviving spouses"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Pinson and Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2086** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article §18-2L-1, relating to development of a plan to monitor and improve reading and math skills of children who are or have been in foster care"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegates Hillenbrand, Statler, Brooks, Crouse, Butler, Chiarelli, Hornby, Phillips, Ellington and Heckert:**

**H. B. 2087** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-27 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing restrictions of taxpayers to access online curriculum of instructional materials; providing that taxpayers may inspect additional instructional materials adopted by the county boards of education pursuant to including books in a classroom; and removing restrictions of filing a complaint"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegates Sheedy, Hillenbrand, Crouse, DeVault, Vance, Heckert, Willis, Horst, Akers, Roop and Pinson:**

**H. B. 2088** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-11A-1, relating to prohibiting those listed on the state sex offender database from attending public school activities and events; and requiring parent teacher conferences for those persons to be conducted off school grounds"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2089** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §4-1B-1, relating to the establishment of an independent citizen redistricting commission; establishing eligibility requirements for commissioners; creating process for selection of commissioner through the West Virginia Secretary of State's office; establishing timelines for application and selections of commissioners; establishing that the Secretary of State

is the secretary of the commission; establishing powers and duties of commission; appropriating funds for commission to operate; creating the process and requirements for the adoption of redistricting plans; providing the Supreme Court of Appeals with original jurisdiction over the commission; and establishing severability of section"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2090** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-14D-2, §7-14D-14 and §7-14E-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing increased benefits for retired sheriff's deputies; adjusting the percentage factor for members retired after July 1, 2018; increasing the benefit amount for totally disabled retirees; and authorizing the increase of certain fees, paid by the county, for deposit into the Deputy Sheriff Retirement Fund"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2091** - "A Bill directing the County Commission of Berkeley County to hold a referendum election at the next general election to change the term of office for county commissioners from six years to four years"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates G. Howell and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2092** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-3-3b, and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-12-10a, relating to requiring counties and municipalities to provide public notice for land or building purchases"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2093** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-1-1 and §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §17A-10A-1, §17A-10A-2, and §17A-10A-3, relating to requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish an automatic renewal system with automatic billing for the renewals of motor vehicle registrations"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2094** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-1-6, relating to providing that the proclamation of the convening of the Legislature by the governor be issued not less than five days prior to the convening of the Legislature; requiring the governor to provide not less than five days' prior notice to all state legislators when calling a special session of the Legislature"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2095** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-30-2, relating to requiring that new electric vehicle charging stations are universally accessible"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2096** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-1a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to making it illegal for vehicle owners to fail to obtain valid registration for motor vehicles parked at their home for more than sixty days, and providing for fines for violations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Kump and Masters:**

**H. B. 2097** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating the felony offense of reckless and wanton vehicular homicide"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2098** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-2-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reducing the chances of election fraud by clarifying requirements for voter registration"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2099** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §4-1-24, relating to requiring the random drug testing of legislators; requiring public disclosure of results or nonparticipation under certain circumstances; and generally requiring confidentiality"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2100** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-14-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the process of appointing eligible law enforcement officers after competitive examinations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2101** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §31-15-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, §31-15-6d, relating to creating a legislative oversight committee to approve all West Virginia Economic Development Authority contracts"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2102** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §37-16-1, §37-16-2, and §37-16-3, relating to the creation of the West Virginia Title Protection Act; providing for legislative findings; ensuring that rightful property owners retain title to their property free of all encumbrances when fraudulent or wrongful claims are listed against their property, or loans are taken out using fraudulent means; and providing for a mechanism for county clerks to provide notice to rightful landowners when property is transferred or when titles are filed or modified against property"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2103** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §46A-2-141, relating to exempting certain assets from collections by creditors"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2104** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended relating to limiting the imposition of municipal business and occupation taxes"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Butler:**

**H. B. 2105** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §5-32-1, §5-32-2, §5-32-3, §5-32-4, and §5-32-5; relating to creating the



Citizen and State Accountability Act; defining terms; requiring departments, agencies, and officials of state or local government to apply for major and minor grant agreements; establishing the requirements for applying for the grant agreements; requiring written consent of major grant requests by the Governor; permitting the Governor to prohibit the submission of a grant application; and, permitting the Governor to delegate certain duties"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Statler:**

**H. B. 2106** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-4C-26 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §33-64-1, relating to emergency medical services; providing that an emergency medical services agency may triage and transport a patient to an alternate destination in certain circumstances; providing that insurance coverage of emergency medical services include triage, treat and transport to an alternative destination or to treat in place"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Statler:**

**H. B. 2107** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-3-10 of the West Virginia Code, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring certain purchases of commodities and services from nonprofit workshops and requiring the director consult with the Committee on the Purchase of Commodities and Services from the Handicapped in making purchasing decisions"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Statler:**

**H. B. 2108** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §17-31-1, §17-31-2, §17-31-3, §17-31-4, and §17-31-5, relating to requiring the Commissioner of Highways to develop a formula for allocating road funds among districts, for the benefit of the counties; making legislative findings; requiring the commissioner to solicit and consider public comments; requiring the commissioner to include certain factors in the formula; and requiring the commissioner to submit the formula to the Legislature for approval as a legislative rule"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Statler:**

**H. B. 2109** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-5V-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to amending the definition of 'participating public employer'; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates W. Clark and Hall:**

**H. B. 2110** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §47-18A-1; §47-18A-2; §47-18A-3; §47-18A-4; §47-18A-5; §47-18A-6; §47-18A-7; and §47-18A-8; relating to establishing the Uniform Antitrust Pre-Merger Notification Act; providing an article citation designation; defining terms; requiring pre-notification of a merger of certain businesses to the attorney general; requiring the attorney general to keep confidential certain documents and providing exceptions thereto; allowing reciprocity between the attorney general and certain other state attorneys general for sharing of confidential documents; authorizing the attorney general to pursue civil penalties for any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this act; requesting courts to promote uniformity between states when applying and construing this act; and providing that the provisions of this act apply only to those mergers filed on or after the effective date of the act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates W. Clark and Hall:**

**H. B. 2111** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article designated §31-17B-1; §31-17B-2; §31-17B-3; §31-17B-4; §31-17B-5; §31-17B-6; and §31-17B-7; relating to establishing the Uniform Mortgage Modification Act; providing an article citation designation; defining terms; providing the applicability of this article to certain mortgage modifications and providing exceptions thereto; providing that certain existing terms and conditions of a mortgage continue to be in effect when other specified terms are modified without altering the loans secured priority against the property for which the loan is held; requesting courts to promote uniformity between states when applying and construing this act; providing that this act does limit and modify certain provisions of the Global and National Commerce Act and providing an exception thereto; and providing that the provisions of this act apply only to those mortgage modifications made on or after the effective date of the act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Hillenbrand, T. Clark, Sheedy, Roop, Crouse, Kump, Willis, Hott, D. Smith, Phillips and Fehrenbacher:**

**H. B. 2112** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-22-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exemptions from excise taxes; amending definitions; removing the exemption from excise taxes for certain transfers; adding an exemption for transfers between siblings; removing exemptions for certain gifts; and removing the excise-tax exemption for quitclaim deeds"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2113** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-11-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to certain persons who are accessories to a crime before or after the fact; providing that no person who is a domestic partner to a felony offender may be considered an accessory after the fact; removing prohibition that a servant of an offender may not be considered an accessory after the fact; providing that an accessory to a felony who is the brother or sister, parent or grandparent, or child or grandchild of the principal offender is guilty of a misdemeanor; providing that an accessory to a misdemeanor is a misdemeanor; and providing penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Gearheart and Hornby:**

**H. B. 2114** - "A Bill to repeal §19-1-4b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the repeal of the authority of the Agriculture Commissioner to increase certain fees by rules or regulations"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2115** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-6N-1, §11-6N-2, §11-6N-3, §11-6N-4, §11-6N-5, §11-6N-6, §11-6N-7, §11-6N-8, and §11-6N-9, relating to establishing an exemption from school excess levy tax for taxpayers with a household income at or below U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Riley and Maynor:**

**H. B. 2116** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-8-16 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to allowing for surplus money collected above voter approved excess levy requests to remain with the county voting for the levy and placed in the county's general fund"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Hornby, Chiarelli, Phillips, Hite and Crouse:**

**H. B. 2117** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to changing the date when mail in ballots are due"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Hornby, Hite, G. Howell, Phillips, Heckert, Crouse, Horst and Gearheart:**

**H. B. 2118** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-7-18, relating to carrying a concealed handgun by off duty or retired law-enforcement officers; authorizing off duty or retired law-enforcement officers to conceal carry on and in the State Capitol Complex; and to define terms"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2119** - "A Bill to repeal §3-6-4a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the requirement that write-in candidates file with the Secretary of State before votes for said candidates can be counted"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Fehrenbacher and Hornby:**

**H. B. 2120** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §6B-2-2, §6B-3-2 and §6B-3-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to disclosure forms, statements, and reports of the Ethics Commission; requiring disclosure forms, statements, and reports to be prescribed by procedural rule and made available on the Commission website; requiring certain information be included on lobbyist registration form; and requiring reports of expenditures over \$5,000 in grassroots campaigns specify media outlet"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Cooper, Criss, Heckert, Hillenbrand, McGeehan, Sheedy, Hite, Hornby, Gearheart and Zatezalo:**

**H. B. 2121** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13MM-2 and §11-13MM-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for a deceased disabled veteran real property exemption for widowed spouses"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Hornby, Chiarelli, Phillips, Crouse, W. Clark, Young, Rohrbach, Pushkin, Dittman and Pinson:**

**H. B. 2122** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-15-9v, relating to exempting infant and certain hygiene products from consumer sales taxation"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Akers, Ellington, Rohrbach, Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker), Gearheart, Maynor, Worrell, Hillenbrand, Cooper and Zatezalo:**

**H. B. 2123** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-8D-3 and §61-8D-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to modifying the criminal penalties imposed on a parent, guardian, custodian, or person in a position of trust in relation to a child for child abuse resulting in bodily injury, serious bodily injury, and child neglect resulting in bodily injury, serious bodily injury, and child abuse or child neglect creating risk of injury; providing that a prior conviction under this section subjects a person to increased penalties; and providing a definition for a prior conviction"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Statler:**

**H. B. 2124** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-22-13 and §17-22-15 of Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting nonprofit organizations from the fee requirements for obtaining a license or permit for outdoor advertising"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates Hillenbrand, Rohrbach, Worrell, Kump, Hite, Chiarelli, Jennings, DeVault, Heckert and Shamblin:**

**H. B. 2125** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-201 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting 911 centers and ambulance stations that are staffed 24 hours per day for 365 days per year to be drop off locations for newborn safety devices"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegates Kump and Anders:**

**H. B. 2126** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §6B-2-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to prohibiting elected officials to any state or local office, from appointing any family member to any West Virginia state or local office; defining 'family member' as wife, ex-wife, father, mother, son, daughter, grandchild, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew; and designating this amendment as the 'Say No to Good Old Boy Governance'"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Crouse:**

**H. B. 2127** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-67-1, §16-67-2, §16-67-3, §16-67-4, §16-67-5, and §16-67-6, relating to the Women's Bill of Rights; providing short title; setting forth purpose; establishing application of act; defining terms; allowing for language substitution; establishing certain single sex environments are not discriminatory; creating parameters for certain data collection; and allowing severability"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Hansen and Young:**

**H. B. 2128** - "A Bill to amend the West Virginia Code, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §24-3-11, relating to establishing reporting requirements for utilities that are members of a regional transmission organization; and providing the contents and timing of those reports"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Butler:**

**H. B. 2129** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §49-11-1, §49-11-2, and §49-11-3, all relating to codifying the Parents' Bill of Rights"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Rohrbach, Hornby, Chiarelli and Pritt:**

**H. B. 2130** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to setting the rate the Public Employees Insurance Agency shall pay for services"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2131** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-1-45 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to legal standing of the West Virginia Legislature in court actions related to unauthorized changes to election laws and rules; and identifying the Legislature as a necessary party"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2132** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-12-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the penalties for passing a school bus"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2133** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §23-4-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to clarifying that the time limitations provided for filing occupational

pneumoconiosis claims do not apply or otherwise limit the ability of a claimant to obtain an evaluation from the Occupational Pneumoconiosis Board"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2134** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-16A-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting school buses currently in operation from having to pay tolls otherwise charged to vehicles on West Virginia roadways"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2135** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13NN-1, relating to the creation of an incentive for employers to hire persons who are pursuing a formal program of recovery from substance abuse issues; allowing an employer to claim a tax credit for employing eligible individuals, with limits based upon the employer's total number of employees overall; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Finance.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2136** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-67-1, relating to requiring public rest areas to provide diaper changing stations in both male and female restrooms"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2137** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to permitting the creation of a special license plate for 100% disabled veterans"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2138** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section designated §18-2-9b, relating to requiring all students enrolled in grades nine through twelve (9-12) to be provided with adoption awareness material upon request"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2139** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-21-12o, relating to exempting cash tips from personal income tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2140** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §11-15-9v, relating to exempting daylight fluorescent orange outer garments from sales tax during the first two weeks in November"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Holstein:**

**H. B. 2141** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §3-2-6, §3-2-10, §3-2-13, §3-2-25, §3-2-32, §3-2-34, §3-3-3, and §3-3-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to general modifications to early voting procedures; registration by mail; voter registration services; unlawful registration or rejection of voter; alteration or destruction of records; early in-person voting; removing obsolete language; and creating criminal penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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

**H. B. 2142** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-31-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Hope Scholarship Program; and providing that microschool tuition and

fees are qualifying expenses for Hope Scholarship accounts"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

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

**H. B. 2143** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18A-3-13, relating to requiring elementary school teachers to be certified in the science of reading"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2144** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16-53-4, relating to requiring substance use disorder inpatient providers to provide transportation to their patients; to prohibit certain marketing or partnering, and requiring approval for limitation of eligibility"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2145** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-3-4 and §5A-3-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to terminating the authority of the Director of the Purchasing Division to impose a certain annual fee upon vendors"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2146** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to exempting the processing of beef, pork or lamb by a slaughterhouse from the Consumer Sales and Service Tax"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2147** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §3-8-16, relating to requiring legislative approval before implementing any new federal guidance on elections, accepting any new federal funds for elections, and mandating that the Governor, Secretary of State, and the Legislature be notified when they receive communications from any federal agency regarding elections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegates G. Howell and W. Clark:**

**H. B. 2148** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §8A-7-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and to add thereto a new article, designated §11-13PP-1, §11-13PP-2, §11-13PP-3, §11-13PP-4, §11-13PP-5, §11-13PP-6, §11-13PP-7, §11-13PP-8, §11-13PP-9, §11-13PP-10, and §11-13PP-11, relating to the Tourism and Commercial Opportunity Zone Tax and Tax Credit Act; providing for a short title; providing legislative findings and purpose; creating a new species and class of property directed by law; creating definitions; establishing the Tourism and Commercial Opportunity Zone tax and tax credit; providing for restrictions on investment; providing for a penalty; providing for disclosure of tax credits; providing for tax and tax credit review and accountability; creating rulemaking authority; and providing an effective date"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegates G. Howell, Browning and Stephens:**

**H. B. 2149** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-14-16, relating to the transportation, towing, repair, dismantling, and storage of damaged electric motor vehicles; and authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles and the State Fire Marshal to promulgate safety rules for the implementation of these protections"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:**

**H. B. 2150** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-2-46, relating to the state board of education and required courses of education; courses to include human growth and development related to pregnancy and human development inside the womb; required methods of presenting this instruction and adding a human growth and development curriculum to be known as the 'Baby Olivia Act'; and authorizing the Attorney General to sue for any violation of the 'Baby Olivia Act'; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Coop-Gonzalez:**

**H. B. 2151** - "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, and §18B-22-4, relating to requiring publicly-funded medical schools to teach the most current evidence-based, life-saving methods including abortion pill reversal; providing definitions; setting forth consequences for noncompliance of standard education practices; and providing finding that this article is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Education.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2152** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §12-10-1 and §12-10-2, relating to prompt payment of legitimate, uncontested invoices by state agencies providing that registered and qualified vendors shall be entitled to prompt payment upon presentation to a state agency of a legitimate, uncontested invoice; providing the rate of interest and manner of calculation; determining the date an invoice is considered received by a state agency; outlining rights of state agencies to receive updated invoices with interest prior to payment; requiring state agencies to explain and calculate interest on the payment claim at the time it is submitted to the State Auditor; providing the timeline in which state agencies shall process payments; providing the timeline in which state agencies shall process payments for other agencies; providing for the definition of a 'state agency'; and providing for exceptions"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2153** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §48-22-803 relating to adoptive or foster parents and prohibiting any government policy regarding sexual orientation or gender identity that conflicts with the parent's sincerely held religious or moral beliefs"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Statler:**

**H. B. 2154** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-2A-26, relating to performance metrics for the West Virginia Division of Highways; requiring the division to develop performance standards and criteria to measure agency performance in all essential operations; requiring the division to employ a management information system that will track the division's past and current progress toward meeting performance standards; and requiring the division to report to the Joint Committee on Infrastructure"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Government Organization.

**By Delegates Hornby, J Cannon and Willis:**

**H. B. 2155** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §39A-5-1, §39A-5-2, §39A-5-3, §39A-5-4, §39A-5-5, §39A-5-6, and §39A-5-7, relating to the creation of the Electronic Right to Repair Act; promoting consumer choice and competition by requiring manufacturers of digital electronic 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; providing for a short title, providing for definitions; providing for requirements and limitations; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2156** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-16-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to imposing a time limit for the Department of Highways to grant an entrance permit for work on a highway; describing the time limit for requested changes; and describing when a permit shall be considered approved"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Burkhammer:**

**H. B. 2157** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Motor Vehicles to allow the purchase of special one trip or one-way permits to be made and paid for online; and deleting obsolete language"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Crouse, Worrell, Heckert, Riley, Moore and Drennan:**

**H. B. 2158** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §19-14-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all relating to removal of the sunset clauses for registration fees for the West Virginia spay and neuter program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2159** - "A Bill to amend and reenact the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-34, relating to assessment of interest on overpayments by Bureau for Medical Services; establishing interest rate and method for accrual; and retention of interest received"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2160** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-13S-4 and §11-13Y-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing application of the manufacturing investment tax credit and the manufacturing property tax adjustment credit against personal income tax; defining terms; deleting superannuated language; specifying application of tax credit; specifying effective date; and making stylistic revisions"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2161** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-9n of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the consumers sales and service tax and use tax exemption for qualified purchases of computers and computer software, primary material handling equipment, racking and racking systems, and components, building materials and certain tangible personal property to be incorporated into a qualified, new or expanded warehouse or distribution facility; changing threshold jobs creation number from 300 to 50; and making stylistic changes"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2162** - "A Bill to repeal §31C-2-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing the tax exemption for credit unions"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Criss:**

**H. B. 2163** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated §5A-3-1b, relating to terminating the Purchasing Division"; to the Committee on Government Organization.



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

**H. B. 2164** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15-2D-3 and §61-7-11a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-52, all relating to creating school security officers; requiring the director of the Division of Protective Services to establish standards for school security officers and issue a certificate; providing definitions; authorizing local school boards, public charter schools, and private or religious schools to employ school security officers; providing standards for a school security officer to carry a firearm on school grounds; requiring a background check; specifying the detention powers of a school security officer and limitations on detention powers; requiring data sharing with the Division of Protective Services; specifying payment for equipment; requiring insurance for schools employing a school security officer; and clarifying that the prohibitions on carry a firearm in a school zone do not apply to certified school security officers"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

**By Delegates J Cannon, Chiarelli, Holstein, Riley, Cooper, Maynor, Hornby, Willis and Young:**

**H. B. 2165** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17A-3-15a, relating to disabled veterans and veterans who received the Purple Heart may park free at metered parking spaces at any municipality in the state"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

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

**H. B. 2166** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18C-3-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Education Initiative at the Higher Education Policy Commission; directing the Treasurer to place funds into the account; establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative; setting forth terms of the initiative; and creating definitions"; to the Committee on Education then Finance.

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

**H. B. 2167** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5G-3 and §18-5G-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing for technical cleanup of certain provisions of the public charter school code provisions"; to the Committee on Education.

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

**H. B. 2168** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated §11-21-4j; relating to the personal income tax, establishing that first \$20,000 of taxable income not subject to personal income tax but income in excess of that amount be subject to a fixed three percent"; to the Committee on Finance.

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

**H. B. 2169** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-14C-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the motor fuel excise tax; and removing the variable rate component"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Statler:**

**H. B. 2170** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §15A-11-12, relating to allowing volunteer fire departments to use Fire Protection Fund monies to fund expenses associated with the implementation of the State Auditor's West Virginia Checkbook fiscal reporting system"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Kump:**

**H. B. 2171** - "A Bill to repeal §3-5-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §3-5A-1, relating to changing local

school board elections from the date of the primary elections to the date of the general elections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2172** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §30-20-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to adding an athletic trainer to the Board of Physical Therapy"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then Government Organization.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2173** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated, §16-5B-21, relating to requiring a hospital to disclose price and fee information for certain health care services"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2174** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; by adding thereto six new sections, designated §16-2E-1, §16-2E-2, §16-2E-3, §16-2E-4, §16-2E-5, §16-2E-6, §16-2E-7, §16-2E-8, §16-2E-9, §16-2E-10, and §16-2E-11, relating to the licensure of birthing centers; defining terms; creating license types for birthing centers; updating the procedure for application for and obtaining a license; updating license fees; providing for regulation by the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification; designating the necessity for a governing body and administrator and prescribing the duties and responsibilities for the same; setting certain minimum standards in any birthing center; setting certain minimum required services and prohibited services in any birthing center; restricting the location of birthing centers; allowing for variances and waivers from licensure standards; providing for inspections and inspection warrants; designating license limitations; providing procedure for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license; allowing civil money penalties; providing for administrative review and appeal rights; prescribing advertisement disclosure; and permitting the Inspector General to promulgate rules, including emergency rules"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2175** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-5EE-1, §16-5EE-2, §16-5EE-3, §16-5EE-4, §16-5EE-5, §16-5EE-6, §16-5EE-7, §16-5EE-8, §16-5EE-9, §16-5EE-10, §16-5EE-11, §16-5EE-12, and §16-5EE-13, and to repeal §27-9-1, §27-9-2, §27-17-1, §27-17-2, §27-17-3, and §27-17-4 of said code, relating to the regulation of behavioral health centers; providing definitions; creating licenses for residential behavioral health centers and non-residential behavioral health centers; setting license fees for residential behavioral health centers and non-residential behavioral health centers; providing for the regulation and oversight of all behavioral health centers by the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification; designating the necessity for a governing body and administrator and prescribing duties and responsibilities; setting certain minimum standards in any behavioral health center; setting certain minimum standards for behavioral health centers; restricting the location of specific treatment settings for behavioral health centers; allowing for variances or waivers from licensure standards; providing for inspections and inspection warrants; designating license limitations; providing a procedure for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license; allowing civil money penalties; providing for administrative review and appeal rights; prescribing advertisement disclosure; and permitting the Inspector General to promulgate rules, including emergency rules"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2176** - "A Bill to amend the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §9-5-34; and to repeal §16B-12-3 of said code; relating to a biennial

capitation rate review to be conducted by the Bureau of Medical Services"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2177** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-3-64, relating to the requirement that contracts or purchases of certain materials for public buildings or public works be manufactured in the United States; providing exceptions; requiring the Secretary of Administration approve waivers of these requirements; and defining terms"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2178** - "A Bill to repeal §17C-16-1, §17C-16-2, §17C-16-3, §17C-16-4, §17C-16-5, §17C-16-6, §17C-16-7, §17C-16-8, and §17C-16-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the elimination of mandatory state inspections of motor vehicles"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2179** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §22-14-22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to assume all costs necessary to certify and permit a privately owned dam before the secretary may recover costs for repair or remediation"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works then Finance.

**By Delegate Worrell:**

**H. B. 2180** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17B-2-1c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to requiring the Division of Motor Vehicles to provide an identification card for eligible released inmates"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Pinson:**

**H. B. 2181** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §7-20-3 and §8-18-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to prohibiting a county or municipality from charging a private landowner, with a private sanitary sewer system, fees based on the county or municipality sanitary sewer system; or for improvements for construction of, a county or municipal sanitary sewer system; or being required to connect to a county or municipality sanitary sewer system, or being charged a fee for the county or municipal sanitary sewer system"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Butler:**

**H. B. 2182** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-1D-1, relating to establishing privacy rights regarding medical treatments"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegates G. Howell, Browning and Stephens:**

**H. B. 2183** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17-16F-29 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing a statutory program for loaning financial assistance to local airports for airplane hangar construction in this state"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2184** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11A-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, relating to allowing for monthly payments on current real and personal property taxes, with a mechanism to allow for minor charges for those that take advantage of spreading these taxes out over many months"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2185** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §11-15-3c of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the collection and payment by the seller of sales tax on seller-financed sales of motor vehicles to be done as the seller receives the proceeds of the sale from the buyer, equal to the applicable percent sales tax of the amount of the monthly payment, applied to each payment, and continuing for the entire term of the loan period"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegates G. Howell and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2186** - "A Bill to amend and re-enact §22-15A-30 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; all relating to requiring local governments to provide matching funds for grants from the Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program unless demonstrated to be fiscally unable; and requiring that fines assessed by local governments related to abandoned and dilapidated property be committed to the matching of Reclamation of Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties Program grants or to the demolition of condemned properties"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegates D. Smith, Hite, Phillips, Heckert, Crouse, Ellington, Brooks, Horst, W. Clark, Hornby and Pritt:**

**H. B. 2187** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-7-11a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to possessing deadly weapons on premises of educational facilities; and authorizing teachers in elementary or secondary schools to carry concealed firearms and be designated as a school protection officer"; to the Committee on Education then the Judiciary.

**By Delegates Akers, Hillenbrand and D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2188** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §60-1-8, relating to modifying how distilleries, mini-distilleries, and micro-distilleries remit tax payments to the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration ('ABCA'); providing for legislative findings; modifying the current bailment process for tax payments owed; and providing for an effective date"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2189** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §8A-13-1, §8A-13-2, and §8A-13-3, relating to modifying local permitting deadlines for local governing bodies or planning commissions"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegates G. Howell, Hillenbrand and W. Clark:**

**H. B. 2190** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-3D-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating a three-year program to include Potomac State College of West Virginia University as an eligible institution for participation in the 'Learn and Earn Program'; and removing reference to the program being a 'pilot' program"; to the Committee on Education.

**By Delegates G. Howell and Hillenbrand:**

**H. B. 2191** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §7-3-20, relating to authorizing county commissions to sell, lease as lessor, trade-in, or dispose of any of its real or personal property or any interest therein; to create rules for said transactions; and to define timeframes and application of this section"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2192** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §17-14-1, and §17-14-2, relating to prohibiting all state agencies and local governmental units from restricting use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate G. Howell:**

**H. B. 2193** - "A Bill to repeal §11-14C-1, §11-14C-2, §11-14C-3, §11-14C-4, §11-14C-5, §11-14C-6, §11-14C-6a, §11-14C-7, §11-14C-8, §11-14C-9, §11-14C-9a, §11-14C-10, §11-14C-11, §11-14C-12, §11-14C-13, §11-14C-14, §11-14C-15, §11-14C-16, §11-14C-17, §11-14C-18, §11-14C-19, §11-14C-20, §11-14C-21, §11-14C-22, §11-14C-23, §11-14C-24, §11-14C-25, §11-14C-26, §11-14C-27, §11-14C-28, §11-14C-29, §11-14C-30, §11-14C-31, §11-14C-32, §11-14C-33, §11-14C-34, §11-14C-35, §11-14C-36, §11-14C-37, §11-14C-38, §11-14C-39, §11-14C-40, §11-14C-41, §11-14C-42, §11-14C-43, §11-14C-44, §11-14C-45, §11-14C-46, §11-14C-47, and §11-14C-48 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-14D-1, §11-14D-2, and §11-14D-3, relating to the elimination of the motor fuel excise tax; providing legislative findings in support of the elimination of the motor fuel excise tax; establishing the elimination of the motor fuel excise tax and implementing an equivalent increase in sales tax collected; and providing for an effective date for the article"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2194** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-2-10c, relating to establishing the crime of torture; establishing criminal penalties; defining terms; providing that pain is not an element of the crime of torture; and establishing that conviction of the crime of torture does not preclude conviction of another offense arising from the same transaction"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2195** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §29-21-13a, §44-10-14 and §49-4-601 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to continuing education requirements and compensation of Guardians Ad Litem"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2196** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §14-2A-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §17C-5-2c, all relating to providing that awards of restitution awarded pursuant to §17C-5-2c may not be considered as a collateral source discretionary restitution to children of victims of negligent homicide and mandatory restitution to children of victims of driving under the influence causing death, including eligibility of restitution; factors relevant to determining the amount of restitution; how restitution is to be handled during incarceration; when restitution payments shall commence after release from incarceration; court approved payment plans; interest on arrearages; and enforcement when there is non-compliance"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2197** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §23-4-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to compensable diseases of certain firefighters covered by workers' compensation; establishing rebuttable presumption of injury arising out of and in the course of employment for certain covered firefighters that develop bladder cancer, mesothelioma, and testicular cancer; and providing that the rebuttable presumption expires on July 1, 2028, unless extended by the Legislature"; to the Committee on Government Organization then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2198** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §62-12-30, relating to extended supervision for certain drug offenders; establishing supervised release penalty of up to 10 years for certain drug offenders; establishing when period of supervised release begins; providing for supervision by multijudicial circuit probation officers; clarifying terms of supervised release same as those for probation; establishing a fee for supervised release; establishing that court may modify or revoke supervised release; providing court required probation officer provide written conditions; providing for supervised release following revocation; providing for delayed revocation"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2199** - "A Bill to repeal §61-8B-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; to amend and reenact §61-8B-3, §61-8B-4, §61-8B-5, §61-8B-7, §61-8B-8, §61-8B-9, §61-8B-9b, §61-8B-10, §61-8B-12; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-8B-4a, relating to sexual offenses; establishing criminal penalties for sexual offenses; and creating criminal penalties for certain other sexual offenses"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2200** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §20-5-18 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing discounts for West Virginia residents and Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation employees for campground and golf fees"; to the Committee on Government Organization then Finance.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2201** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §49-4-112 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, and by adding thereto a new section, designated §49-4-112a, relating to adoption and legal guardianship proceedings arising from abuse or neglect proceeding; requiring department pay attorney's fees for representing adoptive parents; providing process for adoption of juveniles resulting to an underlying abuse or neglect complaint; and providing effective date"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2202** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17D-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to proof of financial responsibility and increasing mandatory insurance coverage limits"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2203** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §16-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eliminating the vaccine requirements for public virtual schools"; to the Committee on Education then Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2204** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §15-17-1, relating to establishing an animal abuser registry; establishing requirements for registration; directing the State Police to establish and maintain a state registry; providing what crimes require registration; requiring each law-enforcement agency to submit information relating to convicted animal abusers; and establishing a criminal penalty for failure to register"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2205** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §24-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-2-1s, all

relating to expanding the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission to include advanced nuclear reactors"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2206** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-14-2, §61-14-3, §61-14-4, §61-14-5, §61-14-6, §61-14-7, and §61-14-8 of the Code of West Virginia, relating to increasing criminal penalties for human trafficking; establishing limitations on parole; and providing immunity from criminal liability for juvenile victims"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2207** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §15A-4-17 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to corrections management and the deduction from a sentence of incarceration for good conduct; providing that an inmate sentenced to a life sentence, certain offenses relating to crimes against the person, sexual offenses, child abuse, or human trafficking is not eligible for good time; requiring that all persons not eligible for good time have one year of mandatory post-release supervision following the first instance in which the inmate reaches his or her calculated discharge date; and providing that all inmates so released are subject to electronic or GPS monitoring for the entire period of supervision"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2208** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §5H-1-2 and §5H-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to adding Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation employees working at institutions managed by the commissioner to the Survivor Benefits Act; defining the qualifying acts for eligibility for payment of survivor benefits for Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation personnel to include but not be limited to, training functions, administrative meetings, corrections or parole incidents or activities, interactions with inmates, former inmates, inmates or former inmates' family or associates, parolees, former parolees, former parolees' family or associates, and travel to or from any of these activities; and creating a retroactive effective date of March 14, 2020"; to the Committee on the Judiciary then Finance.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2209** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §60A-9-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to controlled substance monitoring; removing the reporting of an opioid antagonist and removing a dispensing prohibition"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2210** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to speed limits generally, and establishing a speed limit in licensed child care zones"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2211** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-3C-13 of the West Virginia Code, 1931, as amended, to proscribe a new penalty that is subject to the value limitations, and to provide for calculation of the value of the criminal act in determining the appropriate sentence"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2212** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §55-7B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related to limiting the applicability of this article to certain practices by medical care providers"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources then the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2213** - "A Bill to repeal §61-7-9 of the West Virginia Code, 1931, as amended, relating to the possession of machine guns"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2214** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §9-7-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §14-4-1, §14-4-2, §14-4-3, §14-4-4, §14-4-5, §14-4-6, §14-4-7, §14-4-8, §14-4-9, §14-4-10, §14-4-11, and §14-4-12; relating to creating the False Claims Act; amending the fraud and abuse provisions in Medicaid program to provide for damages under the False Claims Act; setting forth prohibited acts, damages, costs, and civil penalties, limitations on damages, and responsibilities of the Attorney General; providing for civil actions by private persons, rights of parties to qui tam proceedings, awards to qui tam plaintiffs, the barring of certain civil actions; providing that state is not liable for the expenses of private litigants; providing for private action for retaliatory conduct, limitation of actions, retroactive application, and state intervention in action by private person; addressing estoppel, jurisdiction and venue, nonexclusivity of act, liberality of construction, and distribution of proceeds"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2215** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §9-8-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to conditions for eligibility for certain applicants for public assistance that are non-custodial parents and custodial parents; and authorizing rulemaking"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2216** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §62-1C-1a and §62-1C-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to pretrial release; clarifying right to pretrial release; clarifying maximum bail amount for charges for multiple misdemeanor offenses; revising definition of 'bail'; establishing that defendant has right to select method of securing bail; clarifying that personal recognizance bonds shall include an unsecured monetary amount; prohibiting magistrate from setting 'cash only' or 'property only' bail; authorizing judicial officer to impose reasonably necessary conditions to assure defendant will appear as required, including releasing defendant on his or her own recognizance; clarifying that magistrate may not release defendant charged with felony offense on his or her own recognizance; and making technical corrections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2217** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §61-10-31 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to defining criminal penalties for conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree, conspiracy to commit murder in the second degree, and conspiracy to commit voluntary manslaughter; and making technical corrections"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2218** - "A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931 as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §16A-12-10, relating to the offense of adulteration or alteration of medical cannabis testing results; defining offense; and setting forth penalties"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2219** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §48-8-101 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §48-8-102, §48-8-103, §48-8-104, §48-8-105, and §48-8-106 of said code, relating to abolishing spousal support"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.



**By Delegate Steele:**

**H. B. 2220** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §57-3-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to spousal privilege; and expanding the exceptions to spousal privilege to exclude therefrom cases in which the offense at issue was committed against any child rather than a child of one or both spouses"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2221** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to general administration of records management and preservation"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2222** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to retention and disposal scheduling"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2223** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the management of records maintained by the Records Center"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2224** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to exemptions from management services provided by the Fleet Management Division"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2225** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Information Services and Communications Division to promulgate a legislative rule relating to plan of operation"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2226** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Information Services and Communications Divisions to promulgate a legislative rule relating to telecommunications payments by spending units"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2227** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Administration to promulgate a legislative rule relating to financial services reporting"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2228** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Technology to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the plan of operation"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2229** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Technology to promulgate a legislative rule relating to telecommunications payments made by state spending units"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2230** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Public Defender Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the payment of fees and reimbursement of expenses of court-appointed attorneys"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2231** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to emission standards for hazardous air pollutants"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2232** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to ambient air quality standards"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2233** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to standards of performance for new stationary sources"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2234** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the control of air pollution from hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2235** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to hazardous waste management system"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2236** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements governing water quality standards"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2237** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a

legislative rule relating to underground injection control"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2238** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-3-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate a legislative rule relating to water pollution control permit fee schedules"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2239** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to public water systems"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2240** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to statewide trauma and emergency care system"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2241** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fatality and mortality review team"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2242** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to vital statistics"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2243** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to emergency medical services"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2244** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Primary Care Support Program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2245** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the general provisions of the Medical Cannabis Program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2246** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to growers and processors of the Medical Cannabis Program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2247** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to laboratories of the Medical Cannabis Program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2248** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to dispensaries of the Medical Cannabis Program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2249** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Safe Harbor Letter for the Medical Cannabis Program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2250** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Health to promulgate a legislative rule relating to critical access hospitals"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2251** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5A-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Human Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the pilot program for drug screening of applicants for cash assistance"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2252** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5A-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Human Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Recovery Residence Certification and Accreditation Program"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2253** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to hospital licensure"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2254** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-5B-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office of Inspector General to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Behavioral Health Centers Licensure"; to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2255** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the protocol for law enforcement response to child abuse and neglect"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2256** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction to promulgate a legislative rule relating to sexual assault forensic examinations"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2257** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Protective Services to promulgate a legislative rule relating to ranks and duties of officers within the membership of the division"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2258** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Emergency Response Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Emergency Planning Grant Program"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2259** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Police to promulgate a legislative rule relating to cadet selection"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2260** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Police to promulgate a legislative rule relating to West Virginia State Police Career Progression System"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2261** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to private club licensing"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2262** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the sale of wine and hard cider"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2263** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to tobacco products in vending machines"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2264** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to distilleries, mini-distilleries, and micro-distilleries"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2265** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner to promulgate a

legislative rule relating to retail enforcement of select plant-based derivatives and derivative products, including hemp and kratom"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2266** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Alcohol Beverage Control Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to nonintoxicating beer licensing and operations procedures"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2267** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to promulgate a legislative rule relating to Medicare Supplement Insurance"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2268** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Lottery Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to West Virginia Lottery Sports Wagering Rule"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2269** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to payment of taxes by electronic funds transfer"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2270** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to alternative resolution of tax disputes"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2271** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consumers sales and service tax and use tax - drugs, durable medical goods, mobility enhancing equipment and prosthetic devices per se exemption; motor vehicles per se exemption"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2272** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-7-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Tax Department to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the exchange of information pursuant to written agreement"; to the Committee on Finance.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2273** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Highways to promulgate a legislative rule relating to construction and reconstruction of state roads"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2274** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Highways to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the use of state rights of way and adjacent areas"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2275** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Highways to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the transportation of hazardous wastes upon the roads and highways"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2276** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Highways to promulgate a legislative rule relating to small wireless facilities on Division of Highways rights-of-way"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2277** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to denial, suspension, revocation, disqualification, restriction, non-renewal, cancellation, administrative appeals and reinstatement of driving privileges"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2278** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to disclosure of information from the files of the Division of Motor Vehicles"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2279** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to handicapped placards"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2280** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Safety and Treatment Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2281** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Motor Vehicles to promulgate a legislative rule relating to State Vehicle Title, Registration and Relicensing Project of 2018"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2282** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-8-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Parkways Authority to promulgate a legislative rule relating to supporting electronic toll collection and enforcement"; to the Committee on Energy and Public Works.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2283** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to state aid for fairs and festivals"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2284** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the inspection of meat and poultry"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2285** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensing and other fees"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2286** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to West Virginia manufacture-grade milk"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2287** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to employment reference and inquiries and background checks"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2288** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to West Virginia fish processing"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2289** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to select plant-based derivatives and select plant-based derivative products"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2290** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Rural Rehabilitation Program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2291** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Department of Agriculture to promulgate a legislative rule relating to raw milk"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2292** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to registration of architects"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2293** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Architects to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees for registration of architects"; to the Committee on Government Organization.



**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2294** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Auditor to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Local Government Purchasing Card Program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2295** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Auditor to promulgate a legislative rule relating to private trust companies"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2296** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the operation of barber, cosmetology, nail technology, aesthetic, hair styling, and waxing salons and schools"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2297** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the schedule of fees"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2298** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the schedule of fines"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2299** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2300** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Dentistry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to continuing education requirements"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2301** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Dentistry to promulgate a legislative rule relating to mobile dental facilities and portable dental units"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2302** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Election Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the regulation of campaign finance"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2303** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Funeral Service Examiners to promulgate a

legislative rule relating to funeral director, embalmer, apprentice, courtesy card holders, and funeral establishment requirements"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2304** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Massage Therapy Licensure Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to general provisions"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2305** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to waiver of initial licensing fees for certain initial licensure applicants"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2306** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to fees for services rendered by the Board"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2307** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to competency standards for advanced practice by occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2308** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to request for waiver of licensing fees for certain individuals"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2309** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2310** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Occupational Therapy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to telehealth practice requirements and definitions"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2311** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to promulgate a legislative rule relating to a waiver of initial licensing fees for certain initial licensure applicants"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2312** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensure and practice of pharmacy"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2313** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2314** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to regulations governing pharmacy permits"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2315** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the application of waiver of initial licensing fees for certain individuals"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2316** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Examiners of Psychologists to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations and application for waiver of initial licensing fees for certain individuals"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2317** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements for licensure and certification"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2318** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to renewal of licensure or certification"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2319** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements for registration and renewal of appraisal management companies"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2320** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Real Estate Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to licensing real estate brokers, associate brokers, and salespersons and the conduct of brokerage business"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2321** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Real Estate Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the application of waiver of initial licensing fees for certain individuals"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2322** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Real Estate Commission to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial license eligibility determination"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2323** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Registered Nurses to promulgate a legislative rule relating to requirements for registration and licensure and conduct constituting professional misconduct"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2324** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Respiratory Care to promulgate a legislative rule relating to criteria for licensure"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2325** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Respiratory Care to promulgate a legislative rule relating to consideration of prior criminal convictions in initial licensure determinations"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2326** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Respiratory Care to promulgate a legislative rule relating to telehealth practice requirements and definitions"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2327** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Sanitarians to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the practice of public health sanitation"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2328** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to promulgate a legislative rule relating to speech-language pathology and audiology assistants"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2329** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Hope Scholarship Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the Hope Scholarship Program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2330** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the State Conservation Committee to promulgate a legislative rule relating to State Conservation Committee grant program"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2331** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Office Miners' Health, Safety, and Training to promulgate a legislative rule relating to the certification, recertification, and training of EMT-Miners and the certification of EMT-M instructors"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2332** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to transporting and selling wildlife parts and pelts"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2333** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to boating"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2334** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to special boating"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2335** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to public use of campgrounds in West Virginia State Parks and State Forests and campsites in State Rail Trails under the Division of Natural Resources"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2336** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to special projects and grants for West Virginia State Parks, State Forests, and State Rail Trails under the Division of Natural Resources"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2337** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to prohibitions when hunting and trapping"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2338** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to general hunting"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2339** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to special waterfowl hunting"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2340** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to special fishing"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2341** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to catching and selling baitfish"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Delegate D. Smith:**

**H. B. 2342** - "A Bill to amend and reenact §64-10-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Division of Natural Resources to promulgate a legislative rule relating to falconry"; to the Committee on Government Organization.

1:16 p.m., on motion of Delegate Pat McGeehan, the House of Delegates recessed until 6:30 p.m.

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**Evening Session**

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

**Messages from the Senate**

A message from the Senate, by

The Clerk of the Senate, announced the adoption by the Senate, without amendment, of a concurrent resolution of the House of Delegates as follows:

H. C. R. 4, Extending an invitation to His Excellency, the Governor, to deliver an address to the Legislature and raising Joint Assembly therefor.

**Joint Assembly**

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the members of the Board of Public Works; Chief Judge Charles O. Lorensen and the Judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; Chief Justice William R. "Bill" Wooton and Justices of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals; and members of the Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Delegates and took the seats reserved for them.

The Honorable Randy Smith, President of the Senate took his place to the right of the Speaker.

The Sergeant-at-Arms then announced that His Excellency, the Governor, was present for the purpose of addressing the Joint Assembly.

His Excellency, the Governor was then escorted to the Well of the House. (The Members and guests rising in ovation)

The Speaker then presented the Honorable Patrick Morrissey, who addressed the assembly as follows:

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### **Address by the Governor**

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GOVERNOR MORRISSEY: Thank you very much, Speaker Hanshaw. Thank you, Senate President Smith. Isn't it a great day to be a West Virginian? You know, I want to start off with a few recognitions. First, a hearty welcome to the Board of Public Works. We'll start with Attorney General J.B. McCuskey, Auditor Mark Hunt, Secretary of State Chris Warner, Treasurer Larry Pack, Agriculture Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, State Superintendent Michelle Blatt. To the West Virginia Supreme Court, thank you. We have Chief Justice William Wooten. We have Justice Elizabeth Walker. We have Justice Tim Armstead, Justice Haley Bunn, and Justice Charles Trump, newly elected. We have Intermediate Court of Appeals. Judge Greer, Judge Lorensen, Judge White. To my cabinet officials, these guys are all-stars. I am looking forward to you getting to know them. My cabinet officials. To the distinguished members of the House and Senate, we're very fortunate to be joined here by the Japanese delegation. That's Ambassador Shigeo Yamada, ambassador Mikio Mori, and they're joined by Honorary Consul Larry Rector. Let's give them a hand. Oh, there you are. I just had a chance to talk to the Japanese ambassador. Looking forward to sitting down with you tomorrow and learning about all the new ways West Virginia can work with the amazing country of Japan. Thank you. All right. We have my governor's office staff. By the way, I promise you this speech is not going to take an hour and a half. To everyone in state government who makes this place tick, they're worth it. To my daughter, Julia, and her husband, George. And to my wonderful first lady, Denise. Thank you all for being here. I want to start with a story. Every year for the previous 12 years I served as your attorney general, I used to make it a priority to speak at American Legion Boys State. This is a tradition I hope to continue as your governor. This is a tremendous event. And when you go to the event, you see you have some of the brightest, the top high school students in the state. They run a government class. They learn about civics, the legislature, and they do all these cool sorts of things. It's a lot of fun. When you go there, you can't help but have a smile on your face. When you meet these young men, these guys are going to go places. Now over the years, my speeches to them have changed, but I've always asked two questions. The first question is how many people here want to go to college? And I will tell you, when I ask that question, nearly every hand goes up. Then I follow up and ask, how many people think that there'll be a good job available for you right here in West Virginia when you graduate? Every year, about 20% of the hands go up. Now I want us to pause and think about that for just a minute. This is heartbreaking. If four out of five of these kids feel they need to leave the state to find a job, that's not acceptable. That's what motivates me, and it should motivate you. We're only going to know that we're really successful as a state when every single one of those kids raises their hands. Tonight, I want to share with you my vision for how to make those hands go up and help kids and grandkids make West Virginia home forever. I got here later in life. I am so happy I'm here, and I'm going to do everything I can to repay that debt. And let me start by sharing some information about my upbringing. I don't know everyone here in the room, a lot of them, but let me emphasize, this is not unlike most West Virginians. My father, he was a World War II vet. He used to talk about his million-dollar wound when he was taken off the line in the Battle of the Bulge. He worked for a steel company. My mom was a VA nurse. Used to treat a lot of patients coming home from Vietnam in the 70s. They talked a lot about that. With four kids to raise, they worked really hard and saved for everything we had. Not much, but they worked for us. My parents, they taught me the value of hard work, determination, and grit. These are all attributes that embody the Mountaineer spirit. I started working when I was about seven years old. I delivered newspapers with my siblings. I worked many odd jobs growing up. I tried to balance high school with academics, sports, and work. And you wouldn't believe it, but I was once a skinny cross-country runner and a pretty good tennis player. Now, nothing's changed, right? I paid my way through college, becoming the first in my family to graduate, and then I went on to get a law degree. I had financial struggles along the way, and I nearly went bankrupt as a young adult, but I soldiered on. Now, that doesn't make me special. It doesn't. That's just the story of most West Virginians, the kind of work they put in

every single day. You see, our people, they're the proud product of resilience and hard work. For generations, our state's played a huge role in America's success. For over two centuries, we powered the needs of our country, relying on good old-fashioned West Virginia resources and a hungry workforce. Our coal miners, they traveled deep inside the earth to extract this rock, which powers our state and makes our steel. Our oil and gas workers, tell you what, they break their backs as they work to heat our homes, run our factories, and allow our people to flourish. We won world wars in part thanks to the efforts of so many West Virginians. We are and will always be America's energy state. Now, our fossil fuels, I think we all know this, they've had some challenges in recent years, but we persevered through the war on coal and dealt a major blow to Biden's radical Green New Deal. When I served as your Attorney General, I built the coalition that stopped the radical liberals in D.C. which threatened our West Virginia way of life. We had a big case. We went all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court in West Virginia VPA, and we won. We saved thousands of West Virginia jobs, and we dealt a big blow to the deep state in the process. Thank you. Tonight, ladies and gentlemen, I'm here to tell you that our deep energy reserves, they are going to help our workers soar yet again. Right now, there's a ferocious competition going on between the United States and China. The winner will be the country which powers the enormous data needs of tomorrow. Years ago, the China virus devastated our economy and screeched it to a halt. Now, we have a new threat. China already generates half of the world's coal-fired power. You know about that, Rupi. That gives us a huge advantage in the arms race for computing power and intelligence. America is going to have to either find a way to dramatically increase its power production, or China will eclipse our nation in a technological battle that will determine our national security. West Virginia will play a critical role in this competition. Now, with President Donald J. Trump back in the White House, I know—well, hang on. I promise you those weren't just for applause lines. I know our state and our nation are on our way to a resurgence and a golden era unlike anything we've seen before. We will once again be the engine that powers our country. That means using even more coal and gas, utilizing our rich water resources, and developing nuclear-powered small modular reactors. It also means expanding the use of microgrids and investing in our educational institutions to train the high-skilled and well-paid workers. These are the people that are going to be the key to success in the next decade. Tonight, I'm announcing a new strategic investment in this area. We will be establishing the West Virginia Power Tech Center. Here's what it stands for. Powering our workforce through energy and revolutionary technology center. Let me tell you what this means. This is a center that will represent a first-of-its-kind collaboration between some of our key educational institutions. WVU, Marshall, Shepherd, Blue Ridge Technical. To help West Virginia become the most innovative, aggressive supplier of energy to the growing technology industry. As part of this effort, we're going to slash the red tape. Let me tell you, we are going to slash the red tape and the bureaucracy that have kept our energy in the ground for far too long. Thank you. In this process, we're going to partner with the world's foremost experts. Job creators and innovators to examine the intersection between energy and technology. We're going to adopt regulatory and tax policies that make West Virginia the most dynamic and friendly state in the nation. For data, super intelligence and cryptocurrency facilities. Now this new center, it's not only going to help drive state and national thinking on data and energy needs, it's going to create new opportunities for the type of advanced manufacturing jobs that provide long-term economic security for our state. The center will teach our students in these new fields and also play a crucial role in our state's Vo-Tech renaissance. Now beyond the need for these data engineers, the robotics expertise and technical literacy, folks, we're going to need to become the preeminent factory training new electricians, plumbers, sheet metal workers and contractors. We're going to ensure that good paying jobs are available for all West Virginians. Let me emphasize, West Virginia has power and by God, we're going to use it. We're going to use every last ounce to fuel our mountain state comeback. Now, it's no secret that West Virginia has its fair share of challenges. I'm always going to level straight with West Virginians. Today, we must be honest with West Virginians about the pathway in front of us. I believe we're going to succeed wildly, and I know every one of you share that belief. But our road to competing and winning, it's going to take some time, especially in light of some of the problems we've inherited over the years. There's some hard truths here. We rank 49th in educational attainment, 50th in public health and last in workforce participation. No one should be satisfied with that. No one. We've inherited some big problems and then there's our budget. Now, the most basic rule of budgeting when you're a family sitting at the kitchen table or you're the state of West Virginia is that you can't spend more money than you make. That's particularly important now. The budget that I inherited would have put us approximately \$400 million into the red for fiscal year 2026. And you'll see all the material, all public for everyone to see. Over \$500 million into the red for 2027 and over \$550 to \$600 million in the red annually after that. These are not debatable numbers. They're not. You'll get to see them. All West Virginians will be able to review that. We inherited a deep structural deficit. It was papered over with one-time money that's now running out. Now, some have suggested we have over \$2.1 billion in reserves that could be spent. But that's very misleading and let me explain why. The truth is of that \$2.1 billion, \$1.3 billion is the rainy day fund. And many of you are very familiar with the rainy day fund. Hasn't really been tapped into for a while, thankfully. But look, it's reserved for the most severe of emergencies. There might be a major flood or natural disaster, a severe economic downturn. Only in the most desperate of times do you touch that nest egg. If you dip into that emergency fund prematurely, you begin to jeopardize the state bond ratings, which would cause our interest rates to go up. Well, what does that mean?



Well, right now, we only have about \$800 million of the one-time monies left to deal with the structural problem. So without action now, we'd have to dip into the emergency fund, that rainy day fund, in less than two years. That's why there's real urgency now. Tonight, I'm submitting the Mountain State Comeback Budget, a balanced budget which represents a down payment on a multi-year plan to solve our state's financial challenges. Under my administration, our hallmark will be fiscal responsibility. Our budget, thank you. Our budget, we're not going to propose new ongoing programs without new ongoing revenue. We plan on over 2% of general revenue budget reductions and many other changes to bring our budget to balance and to protect taxpayers as we go after waste, abuse, and overspending in the system. Over the next year, we're going to have some even bigger challenges and some really tough choices remaining. One of my first acts as governor, many of you know, was to sign an executive order directing all state agencies to review that spending and save taxpayer dollars. Let me update you on that. In the last 30 days, I've already proposed consolidating three departments, and we'll be soon working to eliminate many, many unnecessary boards and commissions. We are merging the Department of Homeland Security with the Adjutant General's Office. Tourism would merge with Arts and Culture. And we're reuniting Commerce and Economic Development. And here's some good news. We've hired a chief financial officer who's going to help manage the audits and performance reviews, find savings, and look for improvements across all parts of government. Thank you. Let me be clear. We are going to uncover all of the waste and abuse that hides in the dark corners of state government. And we will root it out. If you like what President Trump is doing in D.C., you're going to love what we're doing right here in West Virginia. Now, another major driver of West Virginia's budgetary challenges, no surprise to anyone here, is the Public Employees Insurance Agency. This is a problem that, quite frankly, has been kicked down the road. Now we have to deal with it. My budget grows PEIA by about \$45 million this year so that the state can meet its legal obligations. Yet, that new state commitment doesn't even address the 14.4% employee premium increase expected this year. This is another problem we're going to have to address. Tonight, I asked the legislature to work with me, develop short- and long-term solutions to PEIA, but also to find ways to help retirees on fixed incomes without pushing our problems into the future. They deserve that. Now, no surprise this year, I pledged to be an agent of change. And I understand that some don't like that. Often, I hear, that's not the way it's done around here. You wouldn't believe how many times last month I've heard that. Well, you're damn right. What we've done in the past isn't moving the needle fast enough. I'm not criticizing anyone. I'm not calling anyone out. It just means we must move the needle faster. And I look out at this room and know now we have a unique opportunity to come together as a team to make better decisions for our citizens. We're all on Team West Virginia now. Now, despite our challenges, we do have substantial assets at our disposal as we start our Mountain State comeback. First, we are America's energy state. And with President Trump's help, we're going to maximize our resources to help the U.S. compete in the world economy. No one could match our incredible mix of coal, gas, and water resources. Second, we're strategically located. And we have hardscrabble workers ready to take on new challenges. The marriage of energy and data centers, that could lead to generational wealth for our citizens if we seize this opportunity. Third, we're nimble. And we can move fast to grow quickly. With your help, we're going to enact legislation to improve education, cut red tape, implement comprehensive tax reform, and be more competitive than all the states that we touch. And fourth, I'll work with you. And I'm going to put in the long hours to help our state succeed. I actually live nearby, but I also come to your districts. During my campaign for governor, I visit every one of our 55 counties at least twice. I'm humbled to have earned a mandate of 62 percent in the past election, winning every single county. I know, thank you, I know that the vast majority of voters, they support our agenda. Now, tonight, I'm asking everyone, let's come together and let's put the people's interest over the special's interest. Can we do that? And when we do that, we will be making real progress on being that shining state in the mountains. Now, West Virginians, we can typically agree on a few things we love. Coal, pepperoni rolls, and beating Pitt. As you know, I've taken this rivalry to a new level, declaring an economic backyard brawl with our neighboring states. Let's start with the obvious stuff. Tonight, I'm renewing my call to ensure we have the lowest income tax of all the states that we touch. Thank you. I want to work with every member of the House and the Senate to someday make that a reality. Now, some may question why I want to lower taxes when we've just been talking about the inherited shortfall. But the answer to fiscal constraints is not to raise taxes. It's to cut spending and grow our economy. We're going to make West Virginia the most attractive state to live, to work, to play, and to do business. That means being competitive in site selection, where businesses can find easily accessible plots of land to build plants, factories, and technology centers. West Virginia must continue to be prepared to welcome big economic projects into the state and move at warp speed to bring on more high-paying jobs. Of course, improving workforce participation, that's the challenge of our time. And it's one I plan to confront head on. I've directed our workforce team to put together a dynamic jobs portal to identify and help recruit candidates for the job needs we have right now in West Virginia. If we just did a little bit more in the people that right now are not participating in our economy, we can increase that base, make a big difference in our budget and the standard of living for our citizens. Every agency and department in my administration, we're going to work, we're going to participate in that effort, and we will, we must grow workforce participation. In today's economy, maintaining reliable and fast connections to the internet, that's not a luxury. That's a necessity. West Virginians don't want broadband that moves at the speed of slow. In the upcoming months, we'll work with the Trump

administration on how West Virginia should best take advantage of the federal broadband dollars and drive economic growth. Now, part of successfully competing with our neighbors means reducing or eliminating needless bureaucracy that presents a barrier to entry here in West Virginia. During this legislative session, I've identified several areas in need of immediate reform. First, we must increase efficiency in the permitting processes so that our transportation, manufacturing, and energy construction projects, they're not bogged down in a sea of red tape. We're drafting legislation that will create a one-stop shop system for permitting approvals. So when you want to expand a business or build a manufacturing facility, you come to one office to help to coordinate and expedite all the various permits you need to start your project. To bring transparency to the process, we're going to set up an online dashboard so you can monitor where your project is in the process and where the holdups may be. And if you experience delays, and it's our fault, we'll refund you the fees. If you need expedited... Thank you. If you need expedited permitting, we're going to make that an option for you. This will be efficiency our state has never seen before. Second, we need universal licensing reciprocity. I want to ensure that folks, I know many of you want to do the same, contractors, electricians, nurses, physicians, anyone who has an occupational license in another state, we want them to move to West Virginia and to get them to work right away. When other states... Thank you. When other states passed universal licensing reciprocity, it helped increase their workforce population by thousands. Third, and I know there's some split here in the House and Senate on it, but it's important. West Virginia needs a much more competitive healthcare environment. That means we must repeal Certificate of Need mandates and allow innovation and entrepreneurship to take root. We must also reform how we look at healthcare in West Virginia. Right now, our public health statistics rank lower than any other state in America. One of the roadblocks to improving our healthcare system is the Certificate of Need process. Let me tell you what that is, and for those watching and for home. A Certificate of Need, you know, it's essentially a permission slip. It's given out by the government that you need to open up a new hospital or a healthcare facility. It hands over power to unelected bureaucrats and major healthcare providers who decide which communities need new or expanded healthcare services. This is big government activism at its worst. Tonight, we move toward the free market. And that's why I'm calling for a repeal of Certificate of Need laws in the state of West Virginia. Now, repealing these laws is going to help access, especially in the rural parts of the state, where you need more personalized healthcare. This is going to fast-track new private practices, urgent care, and other facilities. It's going to be a real shot in the arm for outpatient items and services. There are too many instances of our citizens not being able to get adequate healthcare within state lines. I know Senator Patricia Rucker's son, I know Patricia's here tonight, Ambrose and his wife, Mary Grace, they had to travel all the way to Virginia, I'm told about an hour and a half from their home, to give birth to their child and go through all the necessary appointments before and after. With West Virginia roots, they were really disappointed that their child could not be born on West Virginia soil. I want to thank the Ruckers for letting me share their story. And I know due to transportation issues, they couldn't make it tonight, the last minute. I want to say to them, are they here? Oh, you made it. I was told you weren't going to make it. Where are you? Can you stand up? Come on. Make sure you kiss the baby on the way out. That's great. I say this to you, Ambrose, we're going to fight for all West Virginians to get the health care they need right here in the Mountain State. Now, once the government gets out of the way, I know it's going to take some time, our health care system will begin to flourish. Repealing CON will be a big step forward to improve care for some of our most vulnerable citizens and provide services that barely exist in some parts of our state. Now, as a general matter, we have to eliminate all red tape quickly. Losing out on new businesses and opportunities because of burdensome processes and overregulation, that's unacceptable. I spent years fighting federal overreach, overregulation at the federal level. Now we're turning our attention here because energy resources are one of our greatest assets. We're also looking at some very specific ways to boost production and the use of energy. For example, changes that will make accessing oil and gas resources less cumbersome and costly for investors while maintaining environmental protections. In order for us to grow long-term, education must be a top priority. I think all of us know that our classrooms, they must be centerpieces of excellence. Recent results from the nation's report, well, they indicate that West Virginia students are still struggling. In 2024, our students ranked 49th in grade 8 math, 48th in grade 8 reading, 46th in grade 4 math, and 48th in grade 4 reading. While we did see improvement in a few areas, a lot of work remains. It's one of the reasons why a number of years ago, the legislature introduced the HOPE Scholarship, which I successfully defended as your Attorney General. We wanted to, I think everyone who supports HOPE, we wanted to ensure that every student in West Virginia had an educational option that best fit their needs. We must continue our focus in all the schools on the basics like reading, writing, math. But we also must embrace 21st century skills in STEM, coding, and digital literacy. We're already seeing some great results from the HOPE Scholarship. Nick and Natalie Chapman, who join us here tonight with their son Noah, utilized the program after their son was diagnosed with dyslexia. They knew that for Noah to thrive, he would need to receive some specialized instruction. So what'd he do? He enrolled at Covenant Christian in Huntington in November. And when he did that, Noah's reading score skyrocketed. It's been a life changer for Noah and the Chapmans and plenty of others around West Virginia. The Chapmans are a shining example of what we can provide when we open up opportunities and we give parents a choice. Thank you, Noah, for everything you do. Thank you to the Chapmans. Let's give them a hand. Now, during my inaugural address, I spoke about the importance of paying

teachers more competitively with the other states that we touch. I think we can all agree that good teachers are at the heart of any educational attainment strategy. This year, I will be asking the legislature to work with me to open up the antiquated school aid formula so we can address all of our financial needs at once. Those of our families, our taxpayers, and our teachers. This is another area where we should collaborate with the Trump administration. Right now, West Virginia needs more flexibility from the federal government to administer its school aid monies and help our kids excel in math, science, reading, and other subjects. I know the Trump administration wants to work with West Virginia to help us rise. Now, teachers have told me time and time again that in order to be their best, they need to maintain control of their classrooms, and eliminate distractions. We need to work on this. That's why tonight, I'm calling on the legislature to allow schools to ban cell phones in the classroom. Thank you. That seemed pretty bipartisan, I think. Now, other states, when they've done this, they've seen great success. I talked with some of my fellow governors at one of the recent governors' meetings. I know that they want to, we need to give West Virginia schools every tool to increase those learning outcomes. I think this is going to help. We're going to expand VoTech and the way we prepare students to enter the job marketplace. We'll have expanded apprenticeships, internships, and partnerships, including with some of those wonderful Japanese companies that are coming. So we hope. We know that we want to show our young people and our workforce that our future is bright. Now, I want every West Virginian to do meaningful work and make an honest living, no matter what educational route they take. And you don't need a four-year degree to succeed. Now, West Virginia, one of its great strengths, it's our conservative values. We stand for God, for life, for the Second Amendment, for religious liberty, our Constitution, and our freedoms. And we will always, thank you, and we will always fight for those values. Within 30 short days, we've already made progress tackling some of those issues. From day one, I said we're going to root out DEI, and eradicate the woke virus from infecting our schools. Thank you. Upon taking office, I issued an executive order to eliminate DEI in state government and any entity receiving state resources. And here's why. I want people to know here's why. Here in West Virginia, we're going to follow the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution. Every person is equal in the eyes of God, and starting now, they'll be equal under the law as well. We are not ever going to provide unlawful special privileges to special classes of people. Now, already, several of our largest universities, they've taken steps to shut down their DEI programs. That's a win for West Virginia, and we are not done yet. We are always going to stand on the side of truth. Always. Last week, I joined President Trump in the White House, signing an executive order where he banned men from competing in women's sports. And I had a chance to meet with my friend Riley Gaines, who has led the charge nationally. She's great. To save women's sports and protect women's spaces. This legislative session, I'm going to ask the legislature to pass the Riley Gaines Act. These are basics, but we're going to try to define sex-based terms, such as woman, man, girl, mother, and allow for facilities such as locker rooms, bathrooms, and rape crisis centers to be based on biological sex. West Virginia will lead with common sense. Now, this isn't just an ideological fight. You know what this is about? This is a fight about young girls, like Emmy Salerno. She was forced to compete against a male in track and field. Emmy and her teammates from Lincoln High School in Harrison County, they bravely took a stand and refused to participate. We are grateful that Emmy and her parents are with us tonight. Thank you, Emmy, for your bravery. Let me tell you, I've been able to spend a little bit of time with Emmy, and she is a wonderful and courageous young girl. Emmy, you've got a great future in front of you. Now, as Attorney General, I was proud to support Emmy and her friends. And we took that case all the way up to the Supreme Court, where it still remains. Hey, J.B., I think we're going to win that case, aren't we? Amen. We better win that case. But look, but it shouldn't take a lawsuit to fix this. Let's restore common sense and fairness so Emmy, her teammates, and girls across the state, they have the right to their own competition, their own locker rooms, and private spaces. Now, as your governor, my duty is to protect and defend the citizens of West Virginia. I've already been partnering with the Trump administration to crack down on illegal immigration and stop the flow of deadly fentanyl into our communities. The impact of this can be seen all over the mountain state. West Virginia has the highest drug overdose death rate in the country. Opioids have ravaged our residents, damaging families, and ruining lives. But we have fought back, and over the last few years, we've made great strides, combating this drug mess. Unfortunately, an open southern border and lax immigration enforcement really helped propel another deadly drug to rear its head, fentanyl, which causes over 80% of overdose deaths. Thanks to four years of negligence at our southern border, every state is a border now. Now, Jennifer Crane is here with us tonight, and she's had a unique look inside the drug epidemic that's ravaging our state. Where's Jennifer? So let me hang on one second. Jennifer is an amazing woman. Jennifer was once an addict. She recovered, and now she serves as a support and recovery specialist for others facing addiction. We are grateful for Jennifer's work and for those like her, and we'll be inspired by her courage as we partner with the federal government, with the local counties and cities, the West Virginia First Foundation, to prevent another generation of West Virginians from falling prey to senseless death. Thank you, Jennifer, for your bravery. She deserves it. She's worked so hard, Jennifer. Congratulations. I'd like to close on a hopeful note. On Super Bowl Sunday, many millions of people saw an inspiring ad, and we all sang the lyrics to Country Roads. How many people here did that? I did, right? Let me tell you, this was a proud moment to be a West Virginian. As the music filled rooms across the country, I couldn't help but think of how many West Virginians I meet every day who call the state home. You see, to many around the country and

the world, Country Roads is all that comes to mind when they think about our wild and wonderful state in the mountains. And that's a real shame. There's so much more to West Virginia than our beloved John Denver song. It's my hope that in a few years' time, when Country Roads plays maybe at a WVU game, thousands of students will be singing out, not only with pride in a mountaineer victory, they'll sing with pride knowing that their job, their family, and their future will be right here in West Virginia. Ladies and gentlemen, the Mountain State comeback is here, and it starts right now. God bless you. May God bless the United States of America and may God bless the great state of West Virginia. Thank you very much.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted His Excellency, the Governor, from the Chamber.

The business of the Joint assembly having been completed, the Speaker declared the Joint Assembly dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

The Speaker then called the House to order.

### **Bills Introduced**

By Delegates Hanshaw (Mr. Speaker) and Hornbuckle:  
**H. B. 2026** – “Budget Bill”; to the Committee on Finance

### **Leaves of Absence**

At the request of Delegate McGeehan, and by unanimous consent, a leave of absence for the day was granted to Delegate Steele.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

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

- Delegate Clark for H. B. 2167.
- Delegate Heckert for H. B. 2052, H. B. 2144, H. B. 2159, H. B. 2160, H. B. 2161, and H. B. 2163.
- Delegate Masters for H. B. 2067 and H. B. 2097.

At 8:04 p.m., on motion of Delegate McGeehan, the House of Delegates adjourned until 11:00 a.m, Thursday, February 13, 2025.

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

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

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

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

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON COURTS  
10:00 A.M. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ROOM**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION  
1:00 P.M. – GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ROOM 215E**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
1:00 P.M. - EDUCATION COMMITTEE ROOM**

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

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





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