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The Senate met at 11:17 a.m.

(Senator Smith, Mr. President, in the Chair.)

Prayer was offered by Pastor Gary W. Hall, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Senate was then led in recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Honorable Bill Hamilton, a senator from the eleventh district.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday, March 21, 2025,

At the request of Senator Woelfel, unanimous consent being granted, the Journal was approved and the further reading thereof dispensed with.

The Senate proceeded to the second order of business and the introduction of guests.

The Senate then proceeded to the third order of business.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2003**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-2-46, relating to the limitation of cell phones in classrooms; providing for a purpose and application; creating definitions; creating a prohibition of personal electronic devices during instructional time; setting forth minimum requirements for county board of education policies; and providing for severability.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for House Bill 2349**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16B-13-3 and §16B-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to offering long-acting

reversible contraception to patients; establishing parameters of how to offer long-acting reversible contraception.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2389**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §30-35-7a; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §30-35A-1, §30-35A-2, §30-35A-3, §30-35A-4, §30-35A-5, §30-35A-6, §30-35A-7, §30-35A-8, §30-35A-9, §30-35A-10, §30-35A-11, §30-35A-12, §30-35A-13, and §30-35A-14, relating to enacting the Dietitian Licensure Compact; requiring applicants seeking to practice in a remote state pursuant to the compact to submit to national and state criminal record background check as condition of eligibility for compact privilege; mandating such applicants to submit fingerprints and to authorize the board, West Virginia State Police, and Federal Bureau of Investigation to use records submitted to screen applicants; prohibiting release of background check results; providing for exceptions; establishing that background check records are not public records; obligating applicants to complete background check immediately after application for privilege to practice; requiring applicants to pay costs of fingerprinting and background check; and authorizing rulemaking and emergency rulemaking; providing for a purpose; providing for definitions; providing requirements for state participation in the compact; requirements to exercise the compact privilege; requirements for a licensee to hold a home state license based on a compact privilege; requiring criminal background check and setting educational and other requirements for a licensed dietitian; authorizing member state to charge fee for granting compact privilege; providing for state participation in the compact; establishing the privilege to practice in member states; providing for change in primary state or residence procedures relating to licensing for active duty military personnel and their spouses; providing for procedures relating to duties, meetings, responsibilities, and adverse actions; establishing the dietitian licensure compact commission; providing for membership, powers and duties of the commission; and providing for an executive committee; providing for a data system available for use among the member states; providing for rulemaking authority of the commission; providing for dispute resolution, and enforcement provisions of the commission among the member states; providing for date of implementation among the member states; providing for applicability of the existing rules at the time a new member state joins the commission; providing for withdrawal of any member states and conditions that must be met until withdrawal is effective; providing for a six-month period before withdrawal is effective; providing for construction and severability of the provisions of the compact; and providing for a binding effect of the laws and rules of the compact among the member states.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. House Bill 2479**—A Bill to amend and reenact §7-12-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the management and control of the county authority vested in a board.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2502**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §46A-6-111, relating to establishing limitations on billing practices of Internet or telecommunications providers that fail to provide subscribed customers service for five or more days (120 hours); setting forth the purpose of the section; requiring providers to automatically credit the customer's account for the lack of service proportional to the number of days of disrupted services; establishing civil penalties; designating Attorney General to enforce section; requiring providers provide certain data to the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General and establishing confidentiality of same; and providing these provisions do not apply to mobile service disruptions

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; and then to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. House Bill 2776**—A Bill amend and reenact §16-1-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the State Public Health System; and requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health to propose legislative rules to include alpha-gal syndrome on the list of diseases that shall be required to be reported to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2797**—A Bill to amend and reenact §23-4-1f of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; relating to who may diagnose post-traumatic stress disorder for a first responder.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2835**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5A-6-8, relating to creating the West Virginia Infrastructure Deployment Clearinghouse; establishing its purposes, policies, and standards; providing for its funding; and establishing reporting requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2856**—A Bill to amend and reenact §31G-6-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to pre-emption for broadband services; providing for the installation of telecommunication facilities on property with conservation easements; stating means to secure permission to achieve the same; and recognizing that this provision does not abrogate existing eminent domain rights.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2878**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17-4-8 and §31-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to use of state roads for rail crossing; requiring cooperation between the rail company and the Division of Highways when construction or maintenance activities are conducted by the company; and requiring railroad companies to provide alternative entry and exit ways in certain circumstances.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body, to take effect from passage, and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3125**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-3-2a and §18A-3-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to removing restrictions from teachers receiving permanent teaching licenses.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. House Bill 3146**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14b of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to reducing the number of applicants of a military organization for a special plate from 100 to 50, upon receipt of a guarantee from the organization of a minimum of 50 applicants.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3166**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated §18-9F-10a, relating to allowing county boards to create standardized school safety mapping data; setting forth requirements for mapping data; setting forth the dissemination and cost parameters of data.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. House Bill 3187**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5A-6-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the West Virginia Task Force on Artificial Intelligence; adding identification of economic opportunities to the agenda of the Task Force requiring that the Task Force submit annual electric reports.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. House Bill 3263**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §24-2-22, relating to providing notification of utility service disruption to its' customers; requiring utilities to have an outage communication plan; and authorizing the Public Service Commission to receive each utility's notification plan.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. House Bill 3292**—A Bill to amend and reenact §17C-12-1, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §17C-1-71, relating to defining "on-track equipment"; and clarifying provisions related to obedience to signal indicating approach of train.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the Clerk of the House of Delegates announced the passage by that body and requested the concurrence of the Senate in the passage of

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 3297**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18B-11-8, relating to creating the Washington Center for Civics, Culture, and Statesmanship within West Virginia University; creating the center as an independent entity within West Virginia University; requiring the university to provide the center with reasonable infrastructure, classroom space, and office space; stating the center's purposes and goals; stating the center's policies; providing for the appointment of tenure-track faculty; authorizing the center to offer courses and to develop various degrees; providing for a director of the center; providing for the director's appointment and the filling of vacancies; providing for an academic council; enumerating areas over which the director has sole and exclusive authority; and providing for an annual report.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 10**, Exempting certain meat processes from consumers sales and service tax.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 35**, Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System.

**Senate Bill 249**, Expanding employment and training requirements necessary for SNAP benefits.

And,

**Senate Bill 292**, Allowing doula services be covered by Medicaid and PEIA.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bills (Com. Sub. for S. B. 10, Com. Sub. for S. B. 35, S. B. 249, and S. B. 292) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance were each taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Stuart, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 705**, Allowing Board of Education to promulgate rules for submission to Legislature.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 705** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §29A-3B-1, §29A-3B-8, § 29A-3B-9, §29A-3B-10, and §29A-3B-11 Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the State Board of Education to submit newly promulgated rules to the Legislature through the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee; allowing the Legislature to approve, amend, or reject, in whole or in part, these rules in a manner prescribed by general law and pursuant to this article; adjusting the time frames for the State Board of Education to submit emergency rules to the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee; and providing for the expiration of those emergency rules if notice is not timely filed with the committee.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 705) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on the Judiciary was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

The Senate proceeded to the sixth order of business.

On motions for leave, severally made, the following bills were introduced, read by their titles, and referred to the appropriate committees:

**By Senators Woodrum and Oliverio:**

**Senate Bill 881**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18B-19-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the authority of the Higher Education Policy Commission, Council for Community and Technical College Education, and institutions of higher education to sell and transfer property.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.

**By Senators Phillips and Hart:**

**Senate Bill 882**—A Bill to amend and reenact §24-2-3 and §24-2-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing that an electric utility rate or fee increase that is not in effect by November 20 in any year may not take effect earlier than April 1 of the subsequent year.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Phillips:**

**Senate Bill 883**—A Bill to amend and reenact §22A-1-8, §22A-1-9, §22A-1-11, §22A-1-12, §22A-1-13, §22A-4-5, §22A-6-3, and §22A-9-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing the Director of the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety, and Training discretion and authority in the appointment of surface mine inspectors, mine safety instructors, electrical inspectors, and underground mine inspectors.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining.

**By Senator Grady:**

**Senate Bill 884**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §55-7-33, relating to liability for injury or damage resulting from intoxication; providing civil liability for a person who furnishes alcohol to a person not of lawful drinking age or addicted to alcohol; clarifying applicable criminal law; and limiting scope of applicability.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senators Willis and Rose:**

**Senate Bill 885**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §11-29-1, §11-29-2, §11-29-3, §11-29-4, §11-29-5, §11-29-6, §11-29-7, §11-29-8, and §11-29-9, relating to creating the Tax and Expenditure Limitation Act.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Chapman:**

**Senate Bill 886**—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-126 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Foster Child Bill of Rights; providing that a child in foster care or in a kinship placement must be made aware of his or her rights; providing that the department shall inform the child of his or her rights; and establishing that a foster care or kinship placement shall inform the child of his or her rights if requested.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senator Chapman:**

**Senate Bill 887**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §27-5-12, relating to creating an intermediate conservatorship or guardianship process prior to an individual being involuntarily committed; providing definitions; establishing the process to initiate a conservatorship or guardianship; establishing shortened times for temporary conservatorship or guardianship petition to be heard; allowing facility to hold an individual during that time period; establishing coordination with involuntary commitment proceedings; and authorizing rulemaking.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Takubo:**

**Senate Bill 888**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-53-4, relating to describing the progression of treatment for substance use disorder.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 889**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5G-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to creating the Sustaining Opportunities for Academics in Rural Schools Act.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Thorne:**

**Senate Bill 890**—A Bill to amend and reenact §19-2C-1, §19-2C-2, §19-2C-3, §19-2C-3a, §19-2C-4, §19-2C-5b, §19-2C-6, §19-2C-6a, §19-2C-7, §19-2C-8, §19-2C-9, and §19-2C-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to auctioneers; providing definitions; updating exceptions; requiring fees be established by legislative rule; raising the amount of bond an auctioneer must have; removing the board from being authorized to use records for screening applicants for licenses; extending how long apprentice auctioneer can perform after license has expired; clarifying investigation of complaints; providing board members with compensation; clarifying hearing procedure; requiring civil penalties be payable to the Department on Agriculture;



updating contract terms; and clarifying what is prohibited when advertising or promoting an auction.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Helton, Barrett, and Roberts:**

**Senate Bill 891**—A Bill to amend and reenact §59-3-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §6-15-1, §6-15-2, and §6-15-3, relating to legal advertisements; creating the State Central Legal Advertising website; establishing the State Auditor as the administrator and creator of the website; permitting alternate publication timelines if also publishing on the State Central Legal Advertisement website; providing for rule-making authority; and setting an effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Woodrum:**

**Senate Bill 892**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-1C-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to property valuation; clarifying requirements before an assessor can be nominated; and providing preference when certain requirements are met.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Weld:**

**Senate Bill 893**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §61-3-27a, relating to establishing the offense of assault upon a service animal; and providing for penalties.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senators Hart and Rose:**

**Senate Bill 894**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-11-1, §5B-11-2, §5B-11-3, and §5B-11-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the King Coal Highway Economic Advisory Board Act; renaming the West Virginia Advanced Energy and Economic Corridor Authority the King Coal Highway Economic Advisory Board; modifying legislative findings for creation of advisory board; reducing membership of advisory board to 11 members; modifying requirements for members of advisory board; and modifying powers and duties of the advisory board.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Hart, Smith (Mr. President), and Rose:**

**Senate Bill 895**—A Bill to amend and reenact §24-2-1 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; changing a "solar photovoltaic energy facility" to an "on-site energy facility"; and setting forth provisions required by the commission to be in power purchase agreements between public entities and customers.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**By Senator Hart:**

**Senate Bill 896**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-13e, relating to schools; creating a moratorium on school closings and consolidation; providing legislative findings; providing a purpose; requiring the board of education to take certain actions; requiring the board of education provide a report; and providing a time frame.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Hart:**

**Senate Bill 897**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-13f, relating to schools; creating a Community School Support Fund; providing legislative findings; providing a purpose; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to take certain actions; and clarifying the application process for assistance from the fund.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Oliverio and Rose:**

**Senate Bill 898**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §17-9-1, relating to a pilot program for snow removal; requiring requests for proposals; establishing a time limit; establishing liability; creating criminal penalties; and providing terms for cancelling a contract.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Rose, Smith (Mr. President), Azinger, Hart, Martin, Thorne, and Willis:**

**Senate Bill 899**—A Bill to amend and reenact §22-11B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to protecting coal and gas minerals from carbon capture practices.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining.

**By Senator Stuart:**

**Senate Bill 900**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-9A-2, §16-9A-3, and §16-9A-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding five new sections, designated §16-9A-12, §16-9A-13, §16-9A-14, §16-9A-15, and §16-9A-16, relating to prohibiting sales of unauthorized electronic smoking devices and any other products intended for inhaling or ingesting; setting penalties for the sale of unauthorized electronic smoking devices; setting penalties for the sale of authorized electronic smoking devices to individuals under 21 years of age; setting definitions; requiring reporting of citations to the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission; requiring the Secretary of State to develop a list of retailers that sell electronic smoking devices and provide the list to the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission; requiring the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission to develop and maintain a list of retailers of authorized electronic smoking devices and a tobacco noncompliance database and reporting system; permitting existing enforcement entities to enforce new provisions; requiring manufacturers of electronic smoking devices to provide authorizing documentation to wholesalers and retailers; setting forth fines and penalties for a manufacturer's provision of false or misleading information; requiring wholesalers of electronic smoking devices to sell only authorized devices; requiring wholesalers to verify that retailers are not in the tobacco noncompliance database before selling them electronic smoking devices; setting forth fines and penalties for a wholesaler of electronic

smoking devices to an unauthorized retailer; and requiring the Commissioner of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission to promulgate rules.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 901**—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-1-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the State Public Health System; and requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health to propose legislative rules to include alpha-gal syndrome on the list of diseases that shall be required to be reported to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senator Helton:**

**Senate Bill 902**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §24-9-1, §24-9-2, §24-9-3, and §24-9-4, relating to setting operational capacity requirements for electric utility generators and units; requiring the maintenance of 45 days' worth of base fuel supply; listing required actions for power-generating utilities; and requiring actions of the Public Service Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Takubo:**

**Senate Bill 903**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-17-2, §11-17-3, and §11-17-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §11-17-4a, §11-17-4b, and §11-17-9, relating to the Tobacco Products Excise Tax Act; repealing discounts on tax stamps; adding definition of "electronic smoking device"; increasing taxes on tobacco products; and providing that 10 percent of the revenue collected be dedicated to the West Virginia Division of Tobacco Prevention.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Deeds:**

**Senate Bill 904**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-14-3, §15-5A-4, §16-1-5, §16-1-6, §16-1-7, §16-1-8, §16-1-9, §16-1-9a, §16-1-9c, §16-1-15, §16-1-17, §16-2-5, §16-2-11, §16-2-12, §16-2-13, §16-3-5, §16-3C-2, §16-3C-8, §16-3D-2, §16-3D-3, §16-3D-4, §16-3D-7, §16-3D-9, §16-4C-2, §16-4C-3, §16-4C-4, §16-4C-5, §16-4C-6a, §16-4C-6b, §16-4C-8, §16-4C-8a, §16-4C-9, §16-4C-12, §16-4C-13, §16-4C-14, §16-4C-15, §16-4C-16, §16-4C-20, §16-4C-21, §16-4C-23, §16-4E-2, §16-5-5, §16-5-11, §16-5-22, §16-5M-3, §16-5U-3, §16-9-2, §16-9-3, §16-9G-1, §16-22-2, §16-22-3, §16-32-11, §16-38-5, §16-40-2, §16-40-4, §16-40-5, §16-40-6, §16-40-7, §16-40-8, §16-41-3, §16-44-2, §16-56-4, §16A-11-1, §16A-11-2, §22B-2-1, §22C-1-4, and §61-12-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the clarification of the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Secretary of the Department of Health, the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health, and the State Health Officer.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources.

**By Senator Chapman:**

**Senate Bill 905**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5-16-7, §33-15-4u, §33-16-3ff, §33-24-7u, §33-25-8r, and §33-25A-8u of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring

the Public Employees Insurance Agency and other health insurance providers to provide payment parity for the same services provided by between behavioral health, mental health, and medical and surgical health care providers; providing definitions; providing for mandatory reporting; providing for rulemaking; and setting forth an effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Hart:**

**Senate Bill 906**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-5-13e, relating to the creation of the Community School Funding Formula Revision Act.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Jeffries:**

**Senate Bill 907**—A Bill to amend and reenact §31-15-23a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the definition of "high-impact development projects" reviewed and approved by the West Virginia Economic Development Authority board; removing inefficient price floor; allowing for consideration of regional and local economic factors; amending the limits on the board of directors ability to make determinations on economic development financial assistance packages.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

**By Senator Stuart:**

**Senate Bill 908**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-2-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development to establish a WV Produced or Manufactured Program as the department's official marketing program for products produced or manufactured in West Virginia; and requiring the secretary to propose legislative rules to implement the program.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

**By Senator Takubo:**

**Senate Bill 909**—A Bill to amend and reenact §9-4B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain mental health diagnostic and therapeutic procedures; and requiring that these rates be equivalent to the reimbursement rates for Medicare patients for those same procedures.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Smith (Mr. President):**

**Senate Bill 910**—A Bill to amend and reenact §32-4-406 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing fees under the Uniform Securities Act.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Grady:**

**Senate Bill 911**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18A-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §18A-3-2b, relating to the creation of adjunct teaching permits; and permitting an individual with an adjunct teaching

permit to be hired to fill a vacant teaching position, offer a new program or class, or to supplement a program currently being offered only if no other teacher holding certification and training in the area is available and accepts the position or assignment.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Grady:**

**Senate Bill 912**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-2E-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating generally to the student growth assessment program.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Chapman:**

**Senate Bill 913**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §15A-3-19, relating to brain injury screening training; requiring training in brain injury screening for personnel at the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation; requiring screening of all incoming and currently incarcerated individuals for brain injuries; requiring that the screening processes be designed with input from a study group dealing with competency and criminal responsibility; and requiring specific agencies to enter a memorandum of understanding with one another.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Roberts and Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 914**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-28-2 and §18-28-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §18-28-7 of the code, relating to eliminating the minimum instructional term and compulsory attendance requirements and mandatory standardized student testing requirements applicable to private, parochial or church schools, or schools of a religious order.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Roberts:**

**Senate Bill 915**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-18b and §18-9A-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring a statewide, full-time professional counselor-to-student ratio of one to every 250 students; and requiring that every public school in the state have at least one professional counselor.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 916**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §19-36-7, relating to granting authority to the Department of Agriculture to preempt any Department of Environmental Protection zoning laws, county or municipality rules, for occasional agritourism activities so long as the activities adhere to the National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code for occupant safety.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Rucker:**

**Senate Bill 917**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, adding a new article, designated §55-7L-1, §55-7L-2, §55-7L-3, §55-7L-4, §55-7L-4, and §55-7L-5, relating to creating a limitation of civil liability for academic medical centers and teaching hospitals; stating findings and declaration of purpose; providing definitions; prescribing insurance requirements and limitations on liability; explaining applicability of article; and clarifying construction.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 918**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §5A-1-13, relating to establishing a non-denominational chapel within the West Virginia Capitol building; and designating the Secretary of the Department of Administration with the oversight, maintenance, and operation of the chapel.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 919**—A Bill to amend and reenact §49-2-802 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to mandating audio recording during Child Protective Services investigations and interactions during visits.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 920**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §20-20-1, relating to establishing the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act; establishing a commission; establishing membership of commission; requiring commission to identify and designate suitable public lands as off-highway vehicle recreation areas; establishing commission's duties; creating a fund; and establishing reporting requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 921**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-4F-1, §16-4F-2, §16-4F-3, §16-4F-4, and §16-4F-5, relating to mandating oversight, guidance, and support from the Office of Emergency Medical Services to county commissions; establishing duties of Office of Emergency Medical Services; providing for implementation and reports to the Legislature; and providing effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 922**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-3A-1, §18-3A-2, §18-3A-3, §18-3A-4, §18-3A-5, §18-3A-6, §18-3A-7, and §18-3A-8, relating to streamlining and enhancing early childhood education and child care services in West Virginia; integrating the existing Head Start, West Virginia Department of

Education's Pre-K, and Birth-to-Three programs; improving access, affordability, and quality of child care for working families; and ensuring continuity of care and education from birth to school entry.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 923**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §22-37-1, §22-37-2, §22-37-3, §22-37-4, §22-37-5, §22-37-6, and §22-37-7, relating to litter control and environmental cleanup; providing a short title; providing a purpose; clarifying the responsibilities of certain state agencies and local authorities; providing funding eligibility for counties if certain requirements are met; clarifying litter control officer authority in issuing citations and fines; authorizing the State of West Virginia to issue a request for proposal; providing responsibilities for contractors; providing funding and implementation; requiring annual reports; and providing an effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 924**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §17-2F-1, §17-2F-2, §17-2F-3, §17-2F-4, §17-2F-5, §17-2F-6, §17-2F-7, §17-2F-8, and §17-2F-9, relating to creating the Country Roads Act; permitting counties to request the Department of Highways to map all scenic and back roads within the county for tourism purposes; establishing an application process for counties; establishing reporting and review; providing funding; requiring creation of a mobile application; and requiring road surface classification.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 925**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §16-4G-1, §16-4G-2, §16-4G-3, §16-4G-4, §16-4G-5, §16-4G-6, §16-4G-7, and §16-4G-8, relating to requiring needs-based assessments of emergency medical services departments so that funding may be distributed according to need and not equally across the board; providing legislative findings; providing for definitions, implementation, and oversight; providing for rulemaking; and establishing an effective date.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 926**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §18-2-46, relating to requiring the West Virginia Department of Education to include an optional Firefighter One class as a part of their curriculum in grades nine through 12.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Azinger:**

**Senate Bill 927**—A Bill to amend and reenact §29-12-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to providing county boards of education the option to obtain professional or other liability insurance coverage from insurance carriers licensed in the state in addition to the State Board of Risk and Insurance Management.

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Maynard:**

**Senate Bill 928**—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-6-19 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to eliminating the restriction to carry a firearm in and on the State Capitol Complex grounds.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senators Hart, Roberts, and Rose:**

**Senate Bill 929**—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-28-2 and §18-28-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the creation of the Restoring Private Schools Act of 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**By Senator Hart:**

**Senate Bill 930**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-36-1, relating to the creation of the West Virginia Constitutional Schools Act of 2025.

Referred to the Committee on Education; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Hart:**

**Senate Bill 931**—A Bill to amend and reenact §5B-11-1, §5B-11-2, §5B-11-3, and §5B-11-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the King Coal Highway Economic Advisory Board Act; renaming the West Virginia Advanced Energy and Economic Corridor Authority the King Coal Highway Economic Advisory Board; modifying legislative findings for creation of advisory board; reducing membership of advisory board to 11 members; modifying requirements for members of advisory board; and modifying powers and duties of the advisory board.

Referred to the Committee on Economic Development; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Chapman:**

**Senate Bill 932**—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §4-2-13, relating to combining the offices of the Legislative Auditor and the State Auditor.

Referred to the Committee on Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Queen:**

**Senate Bill 933**—A Bill to amend and reenact §11-12-3, §8-13-4, and §8-13-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §8-40-1 and §8-40-2, relating to small businesses; increasing the amount of income and revenue



before a business has to obtain a business license; exempting independent contractors and sole proprietors from business licenses under certain requirements; increasing the amount of annual revenue for businesses to be exempt from B&O taxes; creating the Small Business Protection Act; providing intent and legislative findings; and providing a short title.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**By Senator Queen:**

**Senate Bill 934**—A Bill to amend and reenact §60-1-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new article, designated §60-8B-1, §60-8B-2, §60-8B-3, §60-8B-4, and §60-8B-5, relating to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of low-proof spirit alcohol products.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Deeds offered the following resolution:

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 21**—Requesting a study of trends in the rates of reports, arrests, and convictions for sexual assault crimes in the State of West Virginia through the previous 10 years, including the rates or ratios of reports of sexual assault offenses to arrests, the rates of convictions to charges filed, the types or classification of offenses for which offenders are ultimately convicted, other types of dispositions for charges of sexual assault, and possible reasons for any trends observed in the data collected.

Which, under the rules, lies over one day.

The Senate proceeded to the eighth order of business.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 1**, Requiring utility work and road paving coordination.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 1) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Senate Bill 100**, Allowing members of State Police retirement system to use accrued leave as credit toward retirement.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 100) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Senate Bill 105**, Updating retirement eligibility for certain sheriffs.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 105) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Senate Bill 579**, Relating to Home Rule Reform.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

Pending extended discussion,

Senator Clements arose to a point of order that the debate had digressed to a discussion of conversion therapy rather than the bill in question.

Which point of order, the President ruled well taken.

The question now being "Shall Engrossed Senate Bill 579 pass?"

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Charnock, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Willis, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—25.

The nays were: Boley, Clements, Garcia, Hamilton, Oliverio, Takubo, Weld, and Woelfel—8.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 579) passed with its title.

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

At the request of Senator Stuart, and by unanimous consent, the remarks by Senators Oliverio, Garcia, Helton, Weld, Rucker, Fuller, Willis, Woelfel, and Takubo were ordered printed in the Appendix to the Journal.

**Eng. Senate Bill 743**, Adjusting percentage of tax retained by clerk of county commission for certain purposes.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 743) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect July 1, 2025.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 743) takes effect July 1, 2025.

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

**Eng. Senate Bill 747**, Relating to Real Estate License Act.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris,

Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. S. B. 747) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2129**, Creating the Parents Bill of Rights.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—32.

The nays were: Garcia—1.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2129) passed with its title.

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

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2331**, Relating to authorizing certain agencies of the Department of Commerce to promulgate legislative rules.

On third reading, coming up in regular order, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, a majority of all the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2331) passed with its title.

Senator Martin moved that the bill take effect from passage.

On this question, the yeas were: Azinger, Barrett, Bartlett, Boley, Charnock, Clements, Deeds, Fuller, Garcia, Grady, Hamilton, Hart, Helton, Jeffries, Martin, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Stuart, Takubo, Tarr, Taylor, Thorne, Weld, Willis, Woelfel, Woodrum, and Smith (Mr. President)—33.

The nays were: None.

Absent: Chapman—1.

So, two thirds of all the members elected to the Senate having voted in the affirmative, the President declared the bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2331) takes effect from passage.

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

The Senate proceeded to the ninth order of business.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 128**, Preventing courts from ordering services at higher rate than Medicaid.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 595**, Creating Mountain Bike Responsibility Act.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 721**, Authorizing use of unmanned aerial vehicles to track certain mortally wounded wild animals.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 800**, Relating to insurance holding company systems.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time and ordered to engrossment and third reading.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2158**, Relating to removal of a sunset clause for the West Virginia spay and neuter program.

On second reading, coming up in regular order, was read a second time.

The following amendment to the bill, from the Committee on Agriculture, was reported by the Clerk and adopted:

By striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### **ARTICLE 14. WEST VIRGINIA COMMERCIAL FEED LAW.**

##### **§19-14-5. Permits; registration.**

(a) Permits and registrations shall not be transferrable with respect to persons or locations.

(b) A person must apply for a permit or registration at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the current permit or registration; or at least 30 days prior to the date that the person intends to engage in the business of selling or marketing commercial feed products in this state. All applications shall be accompanied by the required fee. A penalty shall be added to the fee for all permits or registrations that are not applied for or renewed within the time limit.

(c) Persons manufacturing commercial feed or customer-formula feed in this state must obtain a Commercial Feed Manufacturing Permit from the commissioner, except for persons manufacturing feed for only ~~his/her~~ his or her animals on ~~his/her~~ his or her premises, or those producing pet food. Application forms shall be provided by the commissioner and include such information as established by rules. A separate permit shall be obtained for each manufacturing facility or location in this state. Each Commercial Feed Manufacturing Permit application shall be accompanied by the required application fee. Each permit issued shall expire on December 31, next following the date of issue.

(d) Each person distributing commercial feed in West Virginia must obtain a Commercial Feed Distributor Permit from the commissioner, except:

(1) Persons distributing pet food exclusively;

(2) Persons holding a valid Commercial Feed Manufacturing Permit issued by the commissioner; ~~and;~~

(3) Persons holding a Commercial Feed Guarantor Permit issued by the commissioner; and

(4) Persons engaged in offering for sale, selling, exchanging, or bartering products or commodities produced exclusively on their own farms.

Application forms shall be provided by the commissioner and include such information as established by rules. Each Commercial Feed Distributor Permit application shall be accompanied by the required application fee. Each permit issued shall expire on December 31, next following the date of issue.

(e) Each person whose name appears on the label of a commercial feed or customer-formula feed as guarantor must obtain a Commercial Feed Guarantor Permit from the commissioner for each manufacturing facility or location that distributes feed in or into the state, except those facilities or locations for which a Commercial Feed Manufacturing Permit has already been issued by the commissioner. Application forms shall be provided by the commissioner and include such information as established by rules. Each Commercial Feed Guarantor Permit application shall be accompanied by the required application fee. Each permit issued shall expire on December 31, next following the date of issue.

(f) Pet food in packages over 10 pounds or bulk shall be registered annually. Each application for registration shall be accompanied by the required registration fee. Each registration shall expire on August 31 next following the date of issue: *Provided*, That ~~until June 30, 2027~~, an additional registration fee of \$50 per product shall accompany each application for registration and the additional registration fee shall be deposited into the West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Fund for spay and neutering services performed within this state by licensed veterinarians.

(g) Pet food packaged in packages of 10 pounds and under shall be registered annually. Each application for registration shall be accompanied by the required registration fee. Each registration shall expire on December 31, next following the date of issue: *Provided, That until June 1, 2027,* an additional registration fee of \$35 per product shall accompany each application for registration and the additional registration fee shall be deposited into the West Virginia Spay Neuter Assistance Fund for spay and neutering services performed within this state by licensed veterinarians.

(h) Specialty pet food shall be registered annually. Each application for registration shall be accompanied by the required registration fee. Each registration shall expire on December 31, next following the date of issue.

(i) A person is not required to register any brand name or product name of commercial feed which is already registered by another person.

(j) Alteration of a pet food or specialty pet food that changes the label requires a new application for registration be made and approved before distribution.

The bill (Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2158), as amended, was then ordered to third reading.

The Senate proceeded to the tenth order of business.

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 54**, Requiring age-appropriate instruction on Holocaust in public schools.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

**Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 587**, Relating generally to government contracting.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

**Senate Bill 655**, Providing for immunity for mental health providers who are involved in mental hygiene checks.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2382**, Camping ban on certain public property.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

**Eng. House Bill 2402**, Relating to providing access to medical records; providing access to a minor's medical record.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

**Eng. Com. Sub. for House Bill 2411**, To provide and change graduation requirements and change duties relating to academic content standards.

On first reading, coming up in regular order, was read a first time and ordered to second reading.

The Senate proceeded to the eleventh order of business and the introduction of guests.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 12:51 p.m., the Senate recessed until 4:30 p.m. today.

The Senate reconvened at 4:57 p.m. and, without objection, returned to the third order of business.

### **Executive Communications**

The Clerk presented the following communications from His Excellency, the Governor, regarding bills approved by him:





Patrick Morrisey  
Governor of West Virginia

March 24, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Enclosed for filing in your office, pursuant to the provisions of law, are the following bills:

Senate Bill No. One Hundred Thirty-Eight (138), which was presented to me on March 18,  
2025.

Senate Bill No. Two Hundred Forty (240), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

Senate Bill No. Two Hundred Ninety-One (291), which was presented to me on March 18,  
2025.

Senate Bill No. Four Hundred Forty-Three (443), which was presented to me on March 18,  
2025.

Senate Bill No. Four Hundred Sixty-Two (462), which was presented to me on March 18,  
2025.

You will note that I have approved these bills on March 24, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick Morrisey".

Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Jeff Pack, Clerk



Patrick Morrisey  
Governor of West Virginia

March 24, 2025

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


Dear Mr. Clerk:

Enclosed for filing in your office, pursuant to the provisions of law, is the following bill:

House Bill No. Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four (2354), which was presented to me on March 18, 2025.

You will note that I have approved this bill on March 24, 2025.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick Morrisey  
Governor

PM/an

cc: The Honorable Lee Cassis, Clerk

The Senate proceeded to the fourth order of business.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 464** (originating in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure), Creating license plate for recipients of Medal of Valor.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 464** (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §17A-3-14g of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the issuance of special plates to recipients of the Distinguished Medal of Valor; providing for plate design by Division of Motor Vehicles; specifying fees; exempting certain individuals from registration fees; and providing application and qualification requirements.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 464) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 474** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary), Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 474** (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding two new articles, designated §5-33-1, §5-33-2, §5-33-3, §18B-1G-1, §18B-1G-2, §18B-1G-3, §18B-1G-4, and §18B-1G-5; and to amend the code by adding five new sections, designated §18-2-9b, §18-5-29, §18-5-50, §18B-14-5, and §18B-14-6, relating to the elimination of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, trainings, activities, offices, and officers from the executive branch, primary and secondary schools, and institutions of higher education of the state; setting forth legislative findings; defining terms; providing for a complaint and appeals process for parents and guardians of students aggrieved under the bill; requiring reporting from school principals, county superintendents, and the state superintendent; providing county board and public charter school employees with immunity from civil liability; allowing for county boards to operate legal compliance offices; requiring institutions of higher education to report on its efforts to eliminate diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and offices; and requiring state institutions of higher education to

reallocate any unexpended funds that would have been expended on diversity, equity, and inclusion projects.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 474) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Rose, from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 505**, Ensuring Reliable and Affordable Electricity Act.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 505** (originating in the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §24-2J-1, §24-2J-2, §24-2J-3, §24-2J-4, and §24-2J-5, relating to ensuring energy reliability and affordability; proposing legislative findings; providing definitions; requiring bulk-power system reliability factor into determining rates; establishing a legal standard; and providing commission directives.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Government Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Rose,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Rucker, as chair of the Committee on Government Organization, unanimous consent was granted to dispense with the second committee reference of the bill contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining.

Senator Smith (Mr. President), from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Rules has had under consideration

**Eng. Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 526**, Creating Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act.

And has amended same.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Randy E. Smith,  
*Chair ex officio.*

Senator Oliverio, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Pensions has had under consideration

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 589** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary), Providing pay increases to members of judiciary.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 589** (originating in the Committee on Pensions)—A Bill to amend and reenact §50-1-3, §51-1-10a, §51-2-13, §51-2A-6, §51-9-4, §51-9-6a, §51-9-6b, §51-9-6c, and §51-11-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to repeal §51-9-6d, relating to salaries and retirement benefits of judges; increasing annual salary of magistrates, justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals, circuit court judges, family court judges, and judges of the Intermediate Court of Appeals; suspending contribution of courts into judicial retirement system until certain condition met; providing for actuarially reduced pension benefit for judges in certain circumstances; increasing surviving spouse plan benefit; eliminating distinction between certain judges for purposes of calculating surviving spouse plan benefits, surviving dependent children plan benefits, and adjusted annual retirement benefit; and providing sunset date for limitation on retirement benefits.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Oliverio II,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Barrett, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 589) contained in the foregoing report from the Committee on Pensions was then rereferred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Stuart, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 617**, Discouraging gang activity.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 617** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-13-1, §61-13-2, and §61-13-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to discouraging gang activity; adding gang activity to offenses punishable by

this section; and adding certain qualifying offenses to be subject to the Anti-Organized Criminal Enterprise Act.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 617) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on the Judiciary was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 646** (originating in the Committee on Education), Increasing non-traditional instruction days for WV teachers.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 646** (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-45 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing from five to 10 the number of days, commonly referred to as non-traditional instruction days, a county board can deliver instruction through alternative methods when schools are closed due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances and those days be considered instructional days, subject to approval of its plan by the state board; defining terms; making technical corrections; and prohibiting out-of-calendar days from being used to offset the loss of separate instructional days.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 646) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 652** (originating in the Committee on Education), Expanding cardiac arrest provisions to be applicable to elementary schools.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 652** (originating in the Committee on Finance)—A Bill to amend and reenact §18-5-22e of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to expanding provisions pertaining to cardiac arrest to be applicable to elementary schools; requiring cardiac response plans to be venue specific and practiced annually; requiring schools to develop a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds outside of athletic events; and imposing certain cardiac arrest-related requirements on coaches and any other personnel supervising a youth sports league team that plays or practices on school grounds.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute for committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 652) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 722**, Creating WV Short Line Railroad Modernization Act.

And reports the same back with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,  
*Chair.*

The bill, under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Barrett, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Finance has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 725**, Relating to unlawful expenditures by local fiscal bodies.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Barrett,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (S. B. 725) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Finance was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Rose, from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 730**, Establishing Forest Carbon Registry.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 730** (originating in the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §19-1D-1, §19-1D-2, §19-1D-3, and §19-1D-4, relating to the establishment of a Forest Carbon Registry under the administration of the Division of Forestry; providing for the registration of carbon offset agreements and projects affecting West Virginia forestlands; requiring the inclusion of geographic information system shapefiles for encumbered properties; assigning responsibility to purchasers and certain landowners to record such agreements or projects; establishing a deadline for recording; and imposing civil penalties for noncompliance.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Rose,  
*Chair.*

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 730), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Grady, from the Committee on Education, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Education has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 755**, Establishing WV Secondary School Athletic Trainer and Career Technical Education Program Act.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 755** (originating in the Committee on Education)—A Bill to amend of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new article, designated §18-14-1, §18-14-2, §18-14-3, §18-14-4, §18-14-5, §18-14-6, and §18-14-7, relating to the creation of the West Virginia Public Secondary School Athletic Trainer and Career Technical Education



Program Act; providing for findings, purpose, and intent; providing for establishment of the five-year program for the placement of licensed athletic trainers in all public secondary schools by having the athletic trainer on staff or contracted through the county board; requiring annual appropriation to fund the program; providing for expansion of the current career and technical education sports medicine programs; requiring alignment with accreditation and certification standards necessary for students to continue their education in athletic training or related health care fields at institutions of higher education; requiring West Virginia Board of Education rule to implement; requiring program development and maintenance in compliance with West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission rules; requiring commission to provide certain guidance; allowing state to use the West Virginia Underwood-Smith Loan Repayment Program to provide student loan payments to certain individuals; and providing for a timeline of implementation.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy N. Grady,  
*Chair.*

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 755), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Maynard, from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 794**, Designating certain roads as permitting high clearance 4x4 vehicles only.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 794** (originating in the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure)—A Bill to amend and reenact §17-2A-8 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing the Commissioner of the Division of Highways to erect warning signs.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Maynard,  
*Chair.*

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 794), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Rucker, from the Committee on Government Organization, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Government Organization has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 802**, Establishing absent voter ballot tracking system to display status of early ballots and absent voter ballots to voters.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 802** (originating in the Committee on Government Organization)—A Bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §3-3-11a, relating to establishing a system for tracking the receipt and status of absent voter ballots; specifying required information to be recorded and reported; providing for records to be updated when defects are cured by the voter; allowing voters to receive notices by email; and declaring voter email addresses to be confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Puertas Rucker,  
*Chair.*

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 802), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Stuart, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on the Judiciary has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 864**, Clarifying inference of criminal intent in burglary prosecution.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 864** (originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)—A Bill to amend and reenact §61-3-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to crimes against property; clarifying the inference of criminal intent in a burglary prosecution; and clarifying the requirements of an indictment for burglary.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stuart,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 864) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on the Judiciary was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

Senator Oliverio, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Pensions has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 874**, Permitting current home confinement officers to participate in Emergency Medical Services Retirement System.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 874** (originating in the Committee on Pensions)—A Bill to amend and reenact §16-5V-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend the code by adding a new section, designated §16-5V-6f, relating to permitting current home confinement officers in this state to participate in the Emergency Medical Services Retirement System.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Oliverio II,  
*Chair.*

The bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 874), under the original double committee reference, was then referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Rose, from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining, submitted the following report, which was received:

Your Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining has had under consideration

**Senate Bill 899**, Protecting coal and gas minerals from carbon capture practices.

And reports back a committee substitute for same with the following title:

**Com. Sub. for Senate Bill 899** (originating in the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining)—A Bill to amend and reenact §22-11B-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to protecting coal and oil and gas minerals from carbon capture practices.

With the recommendation that the committee substitute do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher A. Rose,  
*Chair.*

At the request of Senator Martin, unanimous consent being granted, the bill (Com. Sub. for S. B. 899) contained in the preceding report from the Committee on Energy, Industry, and Mining was taken up for immediate consideration, read a first time, and ordered to second reading.

The Senate proceeded to the thirteenth order of business.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senator was removed as a co-sponsor of the following bill on March 21, 2025:

**Senate Bill 869:** Senator Morris.

Under the provisions of Rule 15 of the Rules of the Senate, the following senators were added as co-sponsors to the following bills on March 21, 2025:

**Senate Bill 705:** Senators Hart, Taylor, and Rose;

**Senate Bill 831:** Senator Grady;

**Senate Bill 834:** Senator Grady;

**Senate Bill 866:** Senator Tarr;

And,

**Senate Bill 877:** Senator Rose.

Pending announcement of meetings of standing committees of the Senate,

On motion of Senator Martin, at 5:10 p.m., the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 11 a.m.

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## **SENATE CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
11:00 AM**

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### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 11:30 AM**

Consideration of executive nominations

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

S. C. R. 21 - Requesting study of sexual assault crime rates in WV

### **THIRD READING**

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 128 - Preventing courts from ordering services at higher rate than Medicaid

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 595 - Creating Mountain Bike Responsibility Act

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 721 - Authorizing use of unmanned aerial vehicles to track certain mortally wounded wild animals

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 800 - Relating to insurance holding company systems

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2158 - Relating to removal of a sunset clause for the West Virginia spay and neuter program - (Com. title amend. pending)

### **SECOND READING**

Com. Sub. for S. B. 10 - Exempting certain meat processes from consumers sales and service tax (original similar to HB2146)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 35 - Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System

Com. Sub. for S. B. 54 - Requiring age-appropriate instruction on Holocaust in public schools

S. B. 249 - Expanding employment and training requirements necessary for SNAP benefits

S. B. 292 - Allowing doula services be covered by Medicaid and PEIA

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 464 - Creating license plate for recipients of Medal of Valor

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 474 - Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion programs (original similar to HB2005)

Eng. Com. Sub. for S. B. 526 - Creating Pharmacist Prescribing Authority Act - (Com. amend. pending)

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 587 - Relating generally to government contracting

Com. Sub. for S. B. 617 - Discouraging gang activity

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 646 - Increasing non-traditional instruction days for WV teachers

Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for S. B. 652 - Expanding cardiac arrest provisions to be applicable to elementary schools

S. B. 655 - Providing limited immunity for mental health providers who are involved in mental hygiene checks (original similar to HB3093)

Com. Sub. for S. B. 705 - Allowing Board of Education to promulgate rules for submission to Legislature

S. B. 725 - Relating to unlawful expenditures by local fiscal bodies

Com. Sub. for S. B. 864 - Clarifying inference of criminal intent in burglary prosecution

Com. Sub. for S. B. 899 - Protecting coal and gas minerals from carbon capture practices

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2382 - Camping ban on certain public property. - (Com. amend. pending)

Eng. H. B. 2402 - Relating to providing access to medical records; providing access to a minor's medical record - (Com. amend. pending)

Eng. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2411 - To provide and change graduation requirements and change duties relating to academic content standards

### **FIRST READING**

Com. Sub. for S. B. 505 - Ensuring Reliable and Affordable Electricity Act

## **ANNOUNCED SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Regular Session 2025**

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**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

9:30 a.m.	Education	(Room 451M)
9:30 a.m.	Government Organization	(Room 208W)