



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Education

### Minutes for February 01, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 01, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Grady, Boley, Deeds, Maynard, Oliverio, Roberts, Stover, Taylor, Trump

Members absent: Senators Clements, Azinger, Chapman, Plymale

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Oliverio, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda was **SB547** – Authorizing legislative rules for Higher Education Policy Commission.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio for the purpose of making a motion. Senator Oliverio moved that **Senate Bill 547** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB563** – Updating Center for Nursing to Office of Nursing Education and Workforce Development.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute in lieu of having it read. The Committee Substitute was explained. The Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio for the purpose of making a motion. Senator Oliverio moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 563** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the **Committee on Health and Human Resources**. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB507** – Relating to repeal of WV EDGE.

Chair Grady recognized Amy Osgood, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio for the purpose of making a motion. Senator Oliverio moved that **Senate Bill 507** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB546** – Updating STEM scholarship program.

Chair Grady recognized Amy Osgood, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio for the purpose of making a motion. Senator Oliverio moved that **Senate Bill 546** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

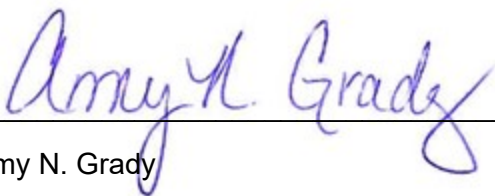
The next item on the agenda was **SB529** – Including Salem University in PROMISE Scholarship program.

Chair Grady recognized Amy Osgood, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained. A question from the committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Trump. Senator Trump asked for unanimous consent for leave of committee. No objection was heard. Chair Grady recognized Kristin Boggs, Counsel, WVHEPC, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Boggs answered the question from the committee. Discussion from the committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio for the purpose of making a motion. Senator Oliverio moved that **Senate Bill 529** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the **Committee on Finance**. The motion was adopted.

On Motion of Senator Oliverio, the committee adjourned.



Amy N. Grady

Chair



Benjamin Mack

Clerk