



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for February 13, 2024, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 13, 2024, 10:00 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Grady, Clements, Azinger, Boley, Chapman, Deeds, Maynard, Oliverio, Plymale, Roberts, Stover, Taylor, Trump

Members absent: None

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

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda was **SB292** – Hunger-Free Campus Act.

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

Chair Grady recognized Joanna Switala, student and Student Basic Needs Coordinator at West Virginia University, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Switala proceeded to deliver a presentation to the committee.

Chair Grady recognized Madison Santmyer, Student Body President at West Virginia University, and Chair of the West Virginia Advisory Council of Students, WVHEPC, and Walker Tatum, Student Body President at Marshall University, and Vice-Chair of the West Virginia Advisory Council of Students, WVHEPC, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Santmyer and Mr. Tatum proceeded to deliver a presentation to the committee. Questions and discussion from the committee followed.

By voice vote, the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 292** 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.

The next item on the agenda was **SB515** – Prohibiting public schools from requiring students to participate in sexual orientation instruction.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 515** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee referenced first be referred to the **Committee on The Judiciary**. The motion was adopted.

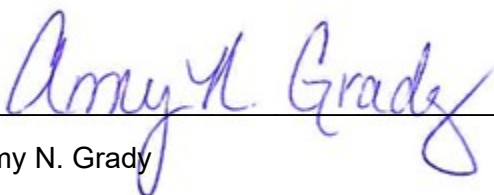
The next item on the agenda was **HB4832** – Relating to state superintendent's reports regarding the finances of school districts.

Chair Grady recognized Amy Osgood, Counsel, to explain the bill and the committee amendment in lieu of having them read. The bill and the committee amendment were explained.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved the committee amendment. The amendment was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 4832, as amended**, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

On Motion of Vice-Chair Clements the committee adjourned.



Amy N. Grady

Chair



Benjamin Mack

Clerk