



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for March 04, 2024, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 04, 2024, 9:45 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senator Plymale

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

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

The next item on the agenda was **HB4313** - Creating the Parents' Bill of Rights.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 4313** 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 The Judiciary**. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **HB4709** - Relating to vocational and technical education programs.

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 **House Bill 4709** 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 **HB5056** - Relating to substitute service personnel positions.

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 Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 5056** 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 **HB5200** - Requiring that school counselors serving students in preschool through the 12th grade participate in the School Counselors Conference at least once every two years.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 5200** be laid to the foot of **House Bill 5262**. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **HB4305** - Relating to granting in-state resident status to economic development participants.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 4305** 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 **HB5262** - Relating generally to teacher's bill of rights.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved an amendment to the Committee Amendment. The motion was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Trump, who moved an amendment to the Committee Amendment. With leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Dale Lee, President, West Virginia Education Association, to speak at the podium. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Trump, who asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. No objection was heard.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 5262, as amended**, 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.

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

The next item on the agenda was **HB5137** - Relating to requiring the State Auditor to conduct audits of all county boards of education.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill and the Committee Amendment were explained. A question from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved the Committee Amendment as explained by Counsel. The motion was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio, who moved an amendment to the Committee Amendment.

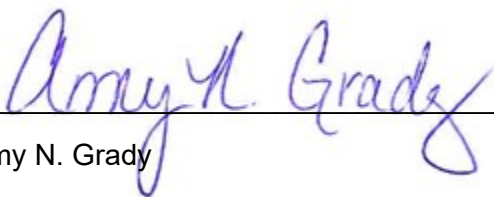
Chair Grady recognized Senator Trump, who requested a ruling from the Chair on Senate Rule 43 of the Senate on whether he should be required to vote or excused from voting. The Chair determined that the Senator from Morgan was a member of a class and would be required to vote.

The question was on the amendment to the Committee Amendment offered by the Senator from Monongalia. The motion was adopted.


Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 5137, as amended**, 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 Government Organization**. The motion was adopted.

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

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the Committee adjourned.



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk