



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for March 06, 2024, 9:05 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 06, 2024, 9:05 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senator Boley

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 **HB5553** - To provide and change graduation requirements and change duties relating to academic content standards.

Chair Grady recognized Amy Osgood, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill and the Committee Amendment were explained. Questions 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 Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 5553, as amended**, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **HB5252** - Requiring certain minimum experience for the director or coordinator of services class title involving school transportation.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements, who moved an amendment to the Committee Amendment. Questions from the Committee followed. The motion was adopted.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 5252, as amended**, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. 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 **HB5158** - Relating to making technical corrections to the special education code.

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 that **House Bill 5158, as amended**, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. 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 **HCR24** - To create a study resolution to examine the school aid formula.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Concurrent Resolution 24** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it be adopted. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **Originating Resolution** – Study of How School Building Authority Funds are Distributed.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Originating Resolution** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it be adopted. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **HB4863** - Patriotic Access to Students in Schools Act.

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

With leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Larry Wunderly, Assistant Scout Executive, Buckskin Council, Boy Scouts of America, to speak at the podium, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio, who moved an amendment to the Committee Amendment. The motion was adopted.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for the purpose of making a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 4863, 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