



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Education

Minutes for February 20, 2025, 9:35 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 20, 2025, 9:35 AM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Grady, Clements, Bartlett, Deeds, Fuller, Hart, Morris, Oliverio, Roberts, Tarr, Taylor, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Azinger, Boley, Stuart

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 **SB37** - Allowing Teachers Retirement System members to exchange unused leave for monetary compensation.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 37** 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 **SB154** - Prohibiting public schools from requiring students to participate in sexual orientation instruction.

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio. Senator Oliverio proposed a Conceptual Amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. Discussion from the Committee followed. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

By voice vote, the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

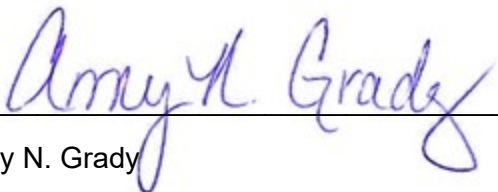
Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 154, as amended**, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double reference first be referred to the **Committee on The Judiciary**. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB158** - Modifying eligibility requirements for serving as member of State Board of Education.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 158** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double reference first be referred to the **Committee on The Judiciary**. The motion was adopted.

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

  
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Amy N. Grady  
Chair

  
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Ben Mack  
Clerk