



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on Education

Minutes for February 27, 2025, 9:40 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 27, 2025, 9:40 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Clements, Stuart

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

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

The next item on the agenda was **School Board Association Presentation**.

Chair Grady recognized Jim Brown, Executive Director, West Virginia School Board Association, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Brown proceeded to deliver a presentation to the Committee. Questions from the Committee followed.

The next item on the agenda was **SB284** - Relating to county board of education member orientation and 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 Senator Deeds for a motion. Senator Deeds moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 284** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB558** - Requiring computer science course prior to graduation.

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Taylor. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Sonya White, State Deputy Superintendent of Schools, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed. By voice vote, the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

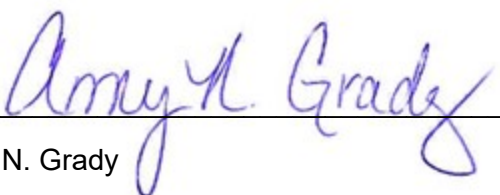
Chair Grady recognized Senator Deeds for a motion. Senator Deeds moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 558** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the **Committee on Finance**. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB581** - Relating to school attendance and student participation in 4-H activities.

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. By voice vote, the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Deeds for a motion. Senator Deeds moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 581** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the Committee adjourned.

  
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Amy N. Grady

Chair

  
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Ben Mack

Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, in  
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"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me  
God."

James C. Aron

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady

Print Member Name

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Sonya White

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