



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Education

Minutes for March 13, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 13, 2025, 1:31 PM 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 **SB477** - Requiring ambulance at middle school or high school football game.

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 Taylor. Senator Taylor offered a Conceptual Amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 477, 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.

The next item on the agenda was **SB516** - Providing extra state aid to school districts for students enrolled in extremely remote schools.

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Roberts. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Michele Blatt, State Superintendent of Schools. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Garcia. Senator Garcia offered a Conceptual Amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 516, 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.

The next item on the agenda was **SB531** - Defining assault and battery on sports officials.

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.

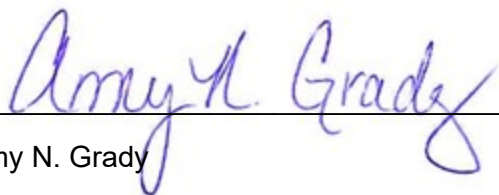
Chair Grady announced that **Senate Bill 531** would be pulled from the agenda and may appear on the agenda at a subsequent meeting.


The next item on the agenda was **SB631** - Relating to eligibility for WV Invests Grant Program.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 631** 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.

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

  
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Amy N. Grady  
Chair

  
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Benjamin Mack  
Clerk