



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for March 18, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 18, 2025, 9:30 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 Senator Oliverio, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda was **SB506** - Relating to enhanced pay for teachers.

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 Garcia. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Sonya White, Deputy State Superintendent of Schools. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio. Senator Oliverio offered a Conceptual Amendment. Discussion from the Committee followed. 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 506, 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.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Deeds. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Senator Woelfel, sponsor of the bill. Senator Woelfel spoke on the bill. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Deeds. Senator Deeds offered a Conceptual Amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. Questions from the Committee followed. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

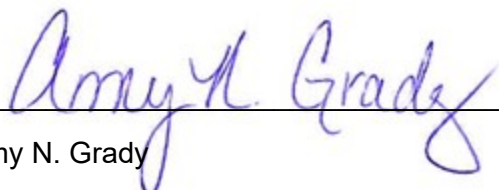
Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 531, as amended**, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the **Committee on The Judiciary**. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **SB737** - Creating WV Farm Equipment Repair Pilot Program.


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

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



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk