



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Education

### Minutes for March 20, 2025, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 20, 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 Vice-Chair Clements, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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 recognized Senator Tarr, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Sonya White, State Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Deputy Superintendent White proceeded to answer questions from the Committee.

Chair Grady announced that the Committee would go into a recess.

At 10:08am, the Senate Committee on Education returned to the consideration of SB737.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Tarr. Senator Tarr offered an 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 **Committees Substitute for Senate Bill 737, 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 **SB54** - Requiring age-appropriate instruction on Holocaust in public schools.

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Roberts. Senator Roberts offered an amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed. 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 **Committees Substitute for Senate Bill 54, 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 **SB695** - Requiring higher education institutions to accept Classic Learning Test.

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 recognized Senator Oliverio, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Matt Turner, Executive Vice Chancellor for Administration, WVHEPC. Mr. Turner proceeded to answer questions from the Committee. Discussion from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **Senate Bill 695** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. Discussion from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements. Vice-Chair Clements requested unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to report Senate Bill 695 with the recommendation that it do pass. No objection was heard.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that Senate Bill 695 be held over to a future meeting. The motion was adopted.

In essence of time, Chair Grady announced that **SB755** would be pulled from the agenda.

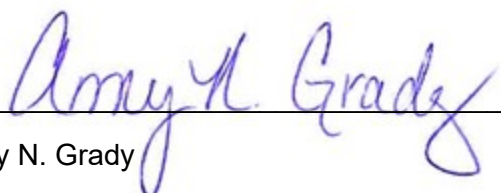
The next item on the agenda was **HB2411** - To provide and change graduation requirements and change duties relating to academic content standards.

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 recognized Senator Roberts. Senator Roberts offered an amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. The question was on the amendment as offered by the Senator from Raleigh. Division was called, and the demand was sustained. On that motion, the amendment was adopted with 8 YEAs and 4 NAYs.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **House Bill 2411, 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.

  
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Amy N. Grady  
Chair

  
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Ben Mack  
Clerk