West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for March 24, 2025, 9:40 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 24, 2025, 9:40 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators 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 two meetings were approved.

The next item on the agenda was **SB755** - Establishing WV Secondary School Athletic Trainer and Career Technical Education Program Act.

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. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Fuller, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Zach Garrett, Program Director, Marshall University Athletic Training Program, and administered and oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Joseph Jenkins, General Counsel, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, and administered and oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Questions from the Committee followed.

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

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Morris. Senator Morris offered a Conceptual Amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. A question 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 **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 755, 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 **SB261** - Reorganizing School Building Authority as School Maintenance Authority.

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 Deeds, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Andy Neptune, Executive Director, School Building Authority of West Virginia, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Questions from the Committee followed. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Jordan Kirk, Chief Financial Officer, School Building Authority of West Virginia, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Questions from the Committee followed. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Dana Womack, Director of Architectural Services, School Building Authority of West Virginia, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady announced that **Senate Bill 261** would be laid over to a future meeting.

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

Amy N. Grady

Chair

Benjamin Mack

Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia

Testimony taken this 24th day of March, 2025, in the Senate Committee on Education.

"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."

Zach Garrett

Print Witness Name

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

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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."

Joseph Jenkins
Print Witness Name

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

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Testimony taken this 27th day of March, 2025, in the Senate Committee on Education.

"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."

Jordan Kirk
Print Witness Name

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady
Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

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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."

Dara Womack

Print Witness Name

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Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady

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