



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for March 28, 2025, 1:25 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 28, 2025, 1:25 PM 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 meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda was **SB470** - Creating WV Athletic Freedom Act.

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Taylor. Senator Taylor offered a Conceptual Amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Tarr, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized David Price, Executive Director, West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. 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 470, 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 **SB804** - Relating to WV Secondary School Activities Commission Reform Act.

Chair Grady announced that the Committee would not be taking a vote on **SB804** during the meeting, but that the Committee would be having a discussion on the Committee Substitute.

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 Vice-Chair Clements, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized David Price, Executive Director, West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Tim George, Athletic Director, Spring Valley High School, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. George proceeded to speak on the bill. Questions from the Committee followed. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized James Tallman, Athletic Director, Union Educational Complex, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Tallman proceeded to speak on the bill.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Taylor, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Brooks McCumbee, retired school sports official, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. McCumbee proceeded to speak on the bill.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Bartlett, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized David Price, Executive Director, West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. Questions from the Committee followed.

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

Amy N. Grady

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Chair

Benjamin Mack

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Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 28th day of March, 2022, 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."

Charles David Price

Print Witness Name

Charles David Price

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name

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"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
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Tim George

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady

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Janes Tallman
Print Witness Name

[Signature]
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grody
Print Member Name

[Signature]
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Rent McCumbee

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Rent McCumbee

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Amy N. Grady

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