



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Education

Minutes for March 31, 2025, 10:35 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 31, 2025, 10:35 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Boley, Hart, Stuart, Tarr

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 **SB914** - Relating to testing and attendance requirements for private, parochial, and church schools.

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Deeds. Senator Deeds offered a Conceptual 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 **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 914, 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 **SB912** - Relating to student growth assessment program.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 912** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **WVSSAC Originating Study Resolution**.

Chair Grady reminded Committee members in attendance that if they wish to not be a sponsor of the originating resolution, that they need to contact the clerk at the end of the meeting.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that the **Originating Resolution, as amended**, be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it be adopted. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **HB2513** - Enhancing training requirements for county boards of education members.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the bill and proposed amendment in lieu of having them read. The bill and proposed amendment were explained. Questions from the Committee followed.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Jim Brown, Executive Director, West Virginia School Board Association. Executive Director Brown proceeded to answer questions from the Committee.

Vice-Chair Clements recognized Senator Deeds for a motion. Senator Deeds moved the amendment as explained by Counsel. The motion was adopted.

Vice-Chair Clements recognized Senator Deeds for a motion. Senator Deeds moved that **House Bill 2513** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, **as amended**. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **HB2548** - Clarifying duties of state superintendent regarding rule implementation.

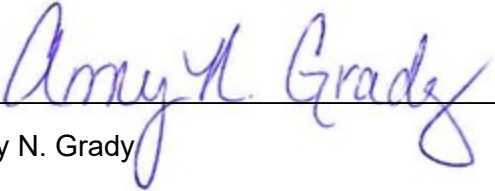
Vice-Chair Clements recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. The bill was explained. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed.


Vice-Chair Clements recognized Senator Morris, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Vice-Chair Clements recognized Sonya White, Deputy State Superintendent of Schools. Deputy Superintendent White proceeded to answer questions from the Committee.

Vice-Chair Clements recognized Senator Morris. Senator Morris offered an amendment. Questions and discussion from the Committee followed. By voice vote, the amendment was rejected.

Vice-Chair Clements recognized Senator Deeds for a motion. Senator Deeds moved that **House Bill 2548** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the Committee adjourned.

  
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Amy N. Grady  
Chair

  
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Benjamin Mack  
Clerk