



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for April 03, 2025, 9:40 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on April 03, 2025, 9:40 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Boley, Fuller, 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 **HB2190** - Including Potomac State College in the definition of community and technical college education program for participation in the "Learn and Earn Program".

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 2190** 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 **HB2499** - Training course for principals in public schools; informing teachers of their rights and protections; IEP format.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved the amendment as explained by Counsel. Chair Grady recognized Senator Morris. Senator Morris offered an amendment to the amendment. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Delegate Pritt, sponsor of the bill. Questions from the Committee followed. Senator Morris requested unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. No objection was heard.

By voice vote, the committee amendment was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 2499, 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 **HB2167** - Relating to public charter schools code provisions.

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

Chair Grady recognized Senator Tarr, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Ben Beakes, Managing Member, 3PS, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Beakes proceeded to answer questions from the Committee.

Chair Grady recognized Senator Oliverio, who requested Leave of Committee. With Leave of Committee, Chair Grady recognized Dale Lee, President, West Virginia Education Association, and administered an oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. President Lee proceeded to answer questions from the Committee.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved the amendment as explained by Counsel. Chair Grady recognized Senator Garcia. Senator Garcia offered an amendment to the amendment. Discussion from the Committee followed. By voice vote, the amendment to the amendment was rejected. Chair Grady recognized Senator Deeds, who offered an amendment to the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 2167, 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 **HB2773** - Higher Ed Rules.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 2773** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was **HB2897** - Permitting the Legislative Auditor to conduct periodic performance and financial audits of the West Virginia Department of Education.

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

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 2897** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

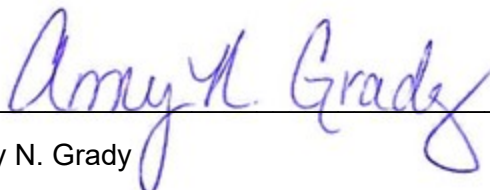
The next item on the agenda was **HB3024** - Guaranteed course transfer bill.

Chair Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, to explain the bill and committee amendment in lieu of having them read. The bill and committee amendment were explained.


Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved the amendment as explained by Counsel. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

Chair Grady recognized Vice-Chair Clements for a motion. Vice-Chair Clements moved that **House Bill 3024** be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, **as amended**. The motion was adopted.

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



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk

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"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
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God."

Ben Beakes

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amie N. Grady

Print Member Name

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