



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Education

### Minutes for January 20, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on January 20, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Hart, Taylor

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

Senator Grady recognized Tom Franta, Founding Executive Director, Mountaineer Charter School Alliance, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Franta answered questions from the Committee.

Senator Grady announced that Senate Bill 171 would be pulled from the agenda.

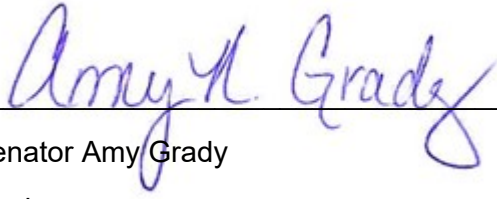
Senator Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, Senate Education, who explained Senate Bill 166. Senator Clements moved that Senate Bill 166 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

Senator Grady recognized Hank Hager, Counsel, Senate Education, who explained Senate Bill 428 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the Committee.

Senator Clements requested that Senator Deeds yield for questions. Senator Deeds yielded and answered questions.

The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Clements moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 428 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

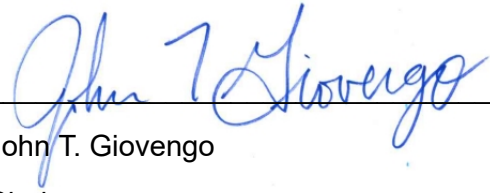
On Motion of Senator Clements the committee adjourned.



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Senator Amy Grady

Chair



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John T. Giovengo

Clerk