



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for February 12, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 12, 2026, 9:45 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: None

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.

Chair Grady removed SB737 from the agenda.

SB657 Creating Cohen Craddock Student Athlete Safety Act was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee and after taking the prescribed oath, Ryan Craddock, father of Cohen Craddock, addressed the committee and responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

The question being on agreeing the language of the committee substitute, the same was put and adopted.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the committee substitute 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.

SB437 Fair State Aid Formula Act of 2026 was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the updated committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Uriah Cummings, School Financial Operations Officer for the West Virginia Department of Education, responded to questions.

The question being on agreeing the language of the committee substitute, the same was put and adopted.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the committee substitute 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.

SB758 Providing extra state aid to school districts for students enrolled in certain schools was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Uriah Cummings, School Financial Operations Officer for the West Virginia Department of Education, responded to questions.

Without objection, the Chair postponed further consideration of the bill to a future meeting.

SB778 Relating to eligibility for homebound services for exceptional children was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill.

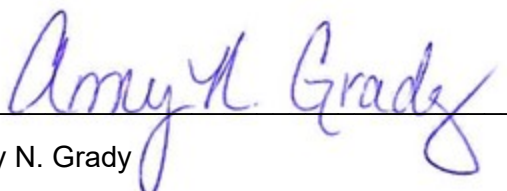
On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SB802 Relating to school preparation days was discussed.


Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

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



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk



The Senate of West Virginia

Testimony taken this 12th day of February, 2026, 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."

Ryan Craddock
Print Witness Name

[Signature]
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady
Print Member Name

[Signature]
Sign Member Name