



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for February 17, 2026, 9:35 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 17, 2026, 9:35 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Azinger

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.

SB890 Changing certain school calendar requirements from days or months to hours was discussed.

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

On motion of Senator Tarr, the committee moved to amend the bill by having a month defined as "20 employment days or 160 employment hours" under §18-7A-3.

The question being on agreeing to the language of the committee substitute as amended, the same was put and prevailed.

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

SB899 Permitting certain teachers to be certified to work as school principals was discussed.

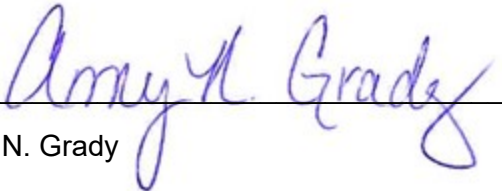
Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the committee substitute, and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Drew McClanahan, Legislative and Policy Officer for the West Virginia Department of Education, addressed the committee.


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

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