



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for February 24, 2026, 9:50 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 24, 2026, 9:50 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senator Barnhart

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 announced that Senate Bill 1004 would be removed from the agenda.

Originating Bill was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

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

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the originating bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but with the further recommendation that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB1048 Transferring responsibility of school position eliminations to WV Board of Education was discussed.

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

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 but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB929 Requiring State Auditor issue notice of noncompliance to county boards for untimely reports was discussed.

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

Senator Taylor, moved to amend the bill by inserting “Each county board of education shall be subject to the fiscal oversight and reporting requirements of §6-9-1 et seq. of this code.” “Nothing in this subsection may be construed to grant the State Auditor authority over educational policy, curriculum, or personnel decisions.”

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

The question being on the amendment, the same was put and prevailed.

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.

SB1020 Allowing up to five educational leave days within definition of "excused absence" was discussed.


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

On motion of Senator Garcia, the committee moved to amend the bill by inserting "The principal, the principal's designee, the county attendance director, or his or her assistants may refuse to count a day as an educational leave day if the explanation in the note of what the day was used for does not qualify as an educational leave day under the legislative rule promulgated by the state board."


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.

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



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk