



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for February 26, 2026, 9:35 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on February 26, 2026, 9:35 AM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senator Hart

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.

SB1024 Allowing rescission or reversal of school closure decisions through July 15 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.

SB1044 Requiring Board of Education to promulgate rule that sets forth common graduation requirements was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill.

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

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

SB1061 Removing prohibition against reassigning school personnel in certain instances was discussed.

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

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.

SB1064 Redefining "long-term substitute" as it relates to public school personnel 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.

SB1077 Protecting vocational education agriculture programs 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.

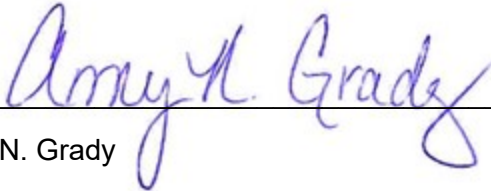
SB689 Creating WV Homeschool Student Athletics Participation Act was discussed.

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.

On motion of Vice Chair Clements, the committee adjourned.



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk