



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for March 03, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 03, 2026, 1:00 PM 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.

HB4798 Permitting teachers to wear a “mobile alert button” for emergency situations, to be known as “Alyssa’s Law” was discussed.

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

With leave of the committee and after taking the prescribed oath, Lori Alhadeff, mother of Alyssa, addressed the committee. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee amended the bill as explained by Counsel.

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

HB5110 Amend section providing for waiver of tuition and fees for senior citizens auditing certain college classes 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.

HB5212 Relating to financial aid for post-secondary education was discussed.

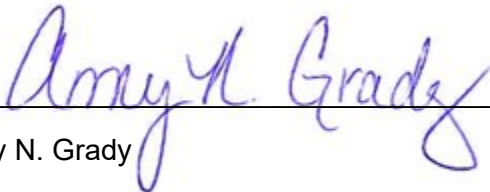
Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill and the purpose of the committee amendment.

With leave of the committee, Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, responded to questions.


On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee amended the bill as explained by Counsel.

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia

Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 3rd day of March, 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."

Lori Alhadeff

Print Witness Name

Benjamin Mack

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady

Print Member Name

Amy N. Grady

Sign Member Name