



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Education

Minutes for March 11, 2026, 10:05 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on March 11, 2026, 10:05 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.

HB5537 Repealing obsolete and outdated sections of the Education code was discussed.

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

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee moved the amendment 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.

HB4656 Relating to chronic absenteeism was discussed.

Melissa White, Counsel, explained the bill, the purpose of the committee amendment, and responded to questions.

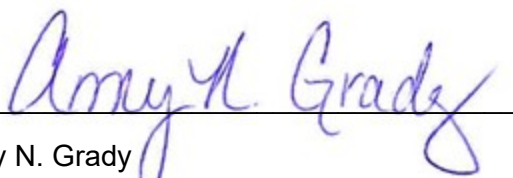
With leave of the committee and after taking the prescribed oath, Cynthia Hedrick, Attendance Director for Fayette County Schools, responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

With leave of the committee and after taking the prescribed oath, Zach Trainum, Juvenile Probation Officer in Greenbrier County, responded to questions. (See attached oath.)


With leave of the committee and after taking the prescribed oath, Allison Iapalucci, Juvenile Prosecutor for Taylor County, responded to questions. (See attached oath.)

On motion of Vice-Chair Clements, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate without recommendation as to passage; but with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Education; and then, under the original double committee reference, to the Committee on Finance.

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



Amy N. Grady
Chair



Benjamin Mack
Clerk

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Testimony taken this 11th 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."

Cynthia Hedrick
Print Witness Name

Cynthia Hedrick
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Amy N. Grady
Print Member Name

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Zach Trainor

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