

West Virginia Legislature 2011 Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Agriculture

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to agriculture, including: production and marketing; animal industry and health; commercial feed, fertilizer and pesticides; and dairy, poultry and livestock products.

- Senator Bob Williams, Chair - Room 209W - 304-357-7995
- Senator Robert Beach Vice-Chair - Room 204W, 304-357-7919

Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to banking and insurance, including regulation and control of all types of insurance, securities and exchanges.

- Senator Joseph M. Minard, Chair - Room 206W, 304-357-7904
- Senator Evan H. Jenkins, Vice-Chair - Room 216W, 304-357-7956

Senate Committee on Confirmations

Responsible for reviewing the Governor's nominations to public office and making recommendations to the Senate on the approval or rejection of those nominations.

- Senator Larry J. Edgell, Chair, Room 223W, 304-357-7827
- Senator H. Truman Chafin, Vice-Chair, Room 441M, 304-357-7808

Senate Committee on Economic Development

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to local workforce investment areas, regional educational service agencies; fiscal impact of incentives for attracting and growing businesses, especially technology-intensive companies; and existing economic and community development resources that would allow the states to successfully compete in the new global economy.

- Senator Richard Browning, Chair - Room 218W, 304-357-7807
- Senator Orphy Klempa, Vice-Chair - Room 204W, 304-357-7918

Senate Committee on Education

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to education in our state's public schools and institutions of higher learning, including: boards of education; administration and control of schools; textbooks and curricula, vocational education and rehabilitation; employment and tenure of teachers; and libraries.

- Senator Robert H. Plymale, Chair - Room 417M, 304-357-7937
- Senator Erik Wells, Vice-Chair - Room 417M, 304-357-7841

Senate Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to energy, industry and mining, including: health and safety; industry development; and standards, regulations and policies.

- Senator Mike Green, Chair - Room 206W, 304-357-7831
- Senator Douglas E. Facemire, Vice-Chair - Room 217W 304-357-7845

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Senate Committee on Finance

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to taxes and revenue, including: increasing and/or decreasing the revenue or fiscal liability of the state, collection of taxes and other revenue, annual and supplemental appropriations; and financial claims against the state.

- Senator Roman Prezioso, Chair - Room 465M, 304-357-7961
- Senator Douglas Facemire, Vice-Chair - Room 217W, 304-357-7845

Senate Committee on Government Organization

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to the executive department of state government, including: creation, consolidation and abolition, as well as duties and functions, of the state's departments, commissions, boards, offices and agencies.

- Senator Herb Snyder, Chair - Room 217W, 304-357-7957
- Senator Mike Green, Vice-Chair - Room 206W, 304-357-7831

Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to public health and welfare, including: mental health; public and private hospitals and similar institutions; prevention and control of communicable and infectious diseases; poison and narcotics; correctional and penal institutions, and public assistance and relief.

- Senator Ron Stollings, Chair - Room 441M, 304-357-7939
- Senator Dan Foster, Vice-Chair - Room 223W, 304-357-7966

Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to any type of formal and informal cooperation between West Virginia and other states, including: membership in councils and partnerships of state governments; exchange of information and resources; and adoption of compacts and reciprocal agreements between states.

- Senator Evan H. Jenkins, Chair - Room 216W, 304-357-7956
- Senator Gregory A. Tucker, Vice-Chair - Room 200W, 304-357-7906

Senate Committee on Judiciary

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to civil and criminal judicial proceedings, including: state and local courts; crimes and their punishments; domestic relations and family law; revision and codification of state statutes; and other matters not properly referred to another standing committee.

- Senator Corey Palumbo, Chair - Room 210W, 304-357-7880
- Senator Mark Wills, Vice-Chair - Room 214W, 304-357-7843

Senate Committee on Labor

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to employment, including: labor standards and statistics; mediation and arbitration of labor disputes; wages and hours of labor; child labor; and safety and welfare of employees.

- Senator Jack Yost, Chair - Room 209W, 304-357-7984

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- Senator Ronald Miller, Vice-Chair - Room 229W, 304-357-7959

Senate Committee on Military

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to the military, including: all veterans' issues; and the National Guard.

- Senator Erik Wells, Chair - Room 417M, 304-357-7841
- Senator Jack Yost, Vice-Chair - Room 209W, 304-357-7984

Senate Committee on Natural Resources

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to natural resources, including: game and fish; forests and wildlife; parks and recreation, and water resources and reclamation.

- Senator William R. Laird IV, Chair - Room 229W, 304-357-7849
- Senator John Pat Fanning, Vice-Chair - Room 216W, 304-357-7867

Senate Committee on Pensions

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to the continuous study and investigation of public retirement systems, including: plans available to public employees; and all aspects of pension planning, operation and stability.

- Senator Dan Foster, Chair - Room 223W, 304-357-7866
- Senator Larry J. Edgell, Vice-Chair - Room 223W, 304-357-7827

Senate Committee on Rules

Chaired by the President of the Senate, addresses issues generally relating to the Senate's rules, joint orders, orders of business and parliamentary procedure, including setting each session day's calendar of items to be addressed. Also responsible for practical administration of Senate business, including staff employees and office services, furnishings, equipment and supplies.

- Senator Jeffrey V. Kessler, Chair, Room 227M, 304-357-7801

Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Addresses issues and bills generally relating to roads and transportation, including: highways, public roads, railways, airways, canals and waterways; motor vehicle administration, registration and licensure of operators, and traffic regulations.

- Senator Robert Beach, Chair - Room 204W, 304-357-7919
- Senator Orphy Klempa, Vice-Chair - Room 204W, 304-357-7918