



General Assembly

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LCO No. 5034



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ANTI-SEMITISM IN SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) There is established a
2 working group to address anti-Semitism in public schools. The working
3 group shall provide assistance and resources to the Department of
4 Education, local and regional boards of education and other education
5 stakeholders and associations, to address issues relating to anti-
6 Semitism that affect students, families, educators and school personnel.
7 Such assistance and resources may, include, but need not be limited to,
8 working with boards of education to amend school district policies to
9 ensure that all students, educators and school personnel feel safe inside
10 and outside of the school setting, offering training relating to anti-
11 Semitism for educators and administrators, and assisting in the creation
12 or provision of curriculum materials and resources relating to anti-
13 Semitism, Jewish heritage, and Holocaust and genocide education and
14 awareness, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-18f of the
15 general statutes.

16 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
18 who shall be a representative from the Jewish Federation of Greater
19 Hartford;

20 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
21 shall be a professor from a university in the state;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives, who shall be a social studies teacher in a public school
24 in the state;

25 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
26 a representative from an anti-defamation league who has expertise in
27 addressing and combatting anti-Semitism;

28 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
29 Representatives, who shall be a representative from Voices for Hope
30 who represents a Jewish community organization that specializes in
31 Holocaust and genocide education;

32 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
33 a curriculum specialist with experience working for a Jewish nonprofit
34 organization; and

35 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
37 relating to education, or their designees.

38 (c) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not
39 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
40 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

41 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
42 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the working
43 group from among the members of the working group. Such

44 chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the working group,
45 which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of
46 this section.

47 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
48 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
49 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

50 (f) Not later than February 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
51 report on its activities, and any recommendations for legislation, to the
52 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
53 matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of
54 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group may submit
55 additional reports as needed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to assist school districts in addressing anti-Semitism in public schools.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]