



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7012

January Session, 2025



***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS
ANTISEMITISM 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 antisemitism 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 antisemitism
6 that affect students, families, educators and school personnel. Such
7 assistance and resources may include, but need not be limited to, (1)
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, (2) offering training relating to
11 antisemitism for educators and administrators, and (3) assisting in the
12 creation or provision of curriculum materials and resources relating to
13 antisemitism and Jewish heritage and Holocaust and genocide
14 education and awareness, in accordance with the provisions of section
15 10-18f of the 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 antisemitism;

28 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
29 Representatives, who shall be a representative from Voices of Hope who
30 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 Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (a), subdivision designators were added for clarity.

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