



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 135

LCO No. 5997



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF PROHIBITING NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING FROM
ENGAGING IN CERTAIN POLITICAL OR PARTISAN ACTIVITIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working
2 group to study and develop (1) effective methods for prohibiting
3 nonprofit organizations that receive state funding, either directly or
4 indirectly, from aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any
5 candidate, political party or political ideology, or engaging in partisan
6 campaign activities, (2) potential repercussions for violations of such a
7 prohibition, including, but not limited to, criminal liability or the
8 reduction or elimination of state funding, and (3) an appropriate process
9 for reviewing claims of such activity, including, but not limited to, the
10 feasibility of requiring nonprofit organizations to demonstrate that no
11 state funds were used for purposes of engaging in such activity.

12 (b) The working group shall consist of (1) the chairpersons of the joint
13 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
14 matters relating to elections, who shall serve as chairpersons of the

15 working group, (2) the ranking members of such committee, and (3) any
 16 individuals who such chairpersons and ranking members believe are
 17 relevant or necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

18 (c) The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working
 19 group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective
 20 date of this section.

21 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
 22 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections
 23 shall serve as the administrative staff of the working group.

24 (e) Not later than January 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
 25 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 26 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 27 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 28 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
 29 that it submits such report or January 1, 2026, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to study how to keep biased, partisan politics out of the nonprofit sector.

[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.]

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