



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISLAMOPHOBIA IN SCHOOLS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
2 working group to address Islamophobia in public schools. The working  
3 group shall provide assistance and resources to the Department of  
4 Education. The Commissioner of Education may provide such  
5 assistance and resources to local and regional boards of education to  
6 address issues relating to Islamophobia that affect students, families,  
7 educators and school personnel. Such assistance and resources may  
8 include, but need not be limited to, (1) proposing amendments to school  
9 district policies to ensure that all students, educators and school  
10 personnel feel safe inside and outside of the school setting, and (2)  
11 offering training relating to Islamophobia for educators and  
12 administrators.

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

14 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
15 one of whom shall be a representative from a national civil rights

16 organization that represents individuals facing Islamophobia and one  
17 of whom shall be a representative of a Muslim nonprofit organization  
18 in the state;

19 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
20 whom shall have experience with developing innovative and  
21 collaborative resources to address Islamophobia in schools and one of  
22 whom shall be a representative of a Muslim religious organization in  
23 the state;

24 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives, who shall be a teacher with professional knowledge  
26 and proven experience in addressing and combatting religious bigotry  
27 in public schools;

28 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall  
29 have experience in school administration and expertise in addressing  
30 and combatting religious bigotry in public schools;

31 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
32 Representatives, who shall be a current or former faculty member of an  
33 institution of higher education with expertise in curriculum  
34 development and knowledge and experience in combatting religious  
35 bigotry;

36 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall  
37 have professional experience addressing Islamophobia in the state; and

38 (7) One appointed by the Governor, who shall be a school  
39 administrator with expertise and knowledge in developing and  
40 implementing curricula in public schools in the state.

41 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of  
42 this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

43 (d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not  
44 later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy

45 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

46 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
47 tempore of the Senate shall each select a cochairperson of the working  
48 group from among the members of the working group. Such  
49 cochairpersons shall jointly schedule the first meeting of the working  
50 group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective  
51 date of this section.

52 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
53 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
54 shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

55 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a  
56 report on its findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of  
57 Education and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
58 having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with  
59 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working  
60 group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January  
61 1, 2027, 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 address Islamophobia in 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.]*