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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ANTI-MUSLIM AND ANTI-ARAB RACISM IN SCHOOLS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 working group to address anti-Muslim bigotry and Islamophobia in
5 public schools. The working group shall develop guidance and
6 resources to address issues relating to anti-Muslim bigotry and
7 Islamophobia that affect students, families, educators and school
8 personnel. Such guidance and resources may include, but need not be
9 limited to, (1) suggested amendments to school district policies to
10 ensure that all students, educators and school personnel feel safe inside
11 and outside of the school setting, (2) recommended training relating to
12 anti-Muslim bigotry and Islamophobia for educators and
13 administrators, and (3) guidance in the creation or provision of
14 curriculum materials and resources relating to Islamic and Arab studies,

15 pursuant to the provisions of section 10-16b of the general statutes, and
16 genocide education and awareness, pursuant to the provisions of
17 section 10-18f of the general statutes, including, but not limited to, the
18 history, heritage, contributions and persecution of Muslim
19 communities.

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

21 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 one of whom shall be a school administrator with expertise and
23 knowledge in developing and implementing curricula in public schools
24 in the state, and one of whom shall be a representative of the
25 Connecticut chapter of the Muslim Justice Center;

26 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
27 whom shall have knowledge and national and local expertise and
28 experience in developing innovative and collaborative resources to
29 address anti-Muslim bigotry and Islamophobia in elementary and
30 secondary schools, and one of whom shall be a representative of the
31 Connecticut chapter of Muslim Advocacy for Rights, Unity and
32 Fairness;

33 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
34 Representatives, who shall be teachers with professional knowledge
35 and proven experience in addressing and combatting anti-Muslim
36 bigotry and Islamophobia in public schools, one of whom shall be a
37 member of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut and one
38 of whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Education Association;

39 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
40 faculty members of an institution of higher education with expertise in
41 curriculum development and knowledge and experience in addressing
42 anti-Muslim bigotry and Islamophobia and teaching Muslim heritage,
43 one of whom shall be a member of the Congress of Connecticut
44 Community Colleges, SEIU Local 1973, and one of whom shall be a
45 member of the Connecticut State Conference of the American

46 Association of University Professors;

47 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
48 Representatives, one of whom shall have experience in school
49 administration and expertise in addressing and combatting anti-Muslim
50 bigotry and Islamophobia in public schools, and one of whom shall be
51 a parent of a Muslim student in the state;

52 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
53 shall have professional experience addressing anti-Muslim bigotry and
54 Islamophobia in the state, and one of whom shall be a Muslim student
55 in the state;

56 (7) Two appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a
57 representative of the Connecticut chapter of the Council on American
58 Islamic Relations, and one of whom shall be a representative of the
59 Muslim Coalition of Connecticut;

60 (8) The executive director of the Connecticut Association of Boards of
61 Education, or the executive director's designee;

62 (9) The executive director of the Connecticut Association of Public
63 School Superintendents, or the executive director's designee;

64 (10) The president of the Connecticut Education Association, or the
65 president's designee; and

66 (11) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

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

70 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
71 pro tempore of the Senate shall each select a cochairperson of the
72 working group from among the members of the working group. Such
73 cochairpersons shall jointly schedule the first meeting of the working
74 group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective

75 date of this section.

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

79 (f) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit the
80 guidance and resources developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
81 section and any recommendations for legislation to the joint standing
82 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
83 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
84 of the general statutes."

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