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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5328

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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,  
16 including, but not limited to, the history, heritage, contributions and  
17 persecution of Muslim communities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

54 (7) Two appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a  
55 representative of the Connecticut chapter of a national American  
56 Muslim civil rights organization, and one of whom shall be a  
57 representative of the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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