



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5437***

LCO No. 2441



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES  
RELATING TO BULLYING AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN  
SCHOOLS.***

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 task force  
2 to study issues relating to bullying and sexual harassment in schools.  
3 The task force shall examine (1) the correlation between bullying and  
4 sexual harassment at school, (2) its effect on students, and (3) the  
5 adequacy of safe school climate plans to address such incidents of  
6 bullying and sexual harassment.

7 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

8 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
11 Representatives;

12 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

13 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
14 Representatives;

15 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

16 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

17 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
18 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
19 of the General Assembly.

20 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
21 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
22 be filled by the appointing authority.

23 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
24 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
25 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
26 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
27 days after the effective date of this section.

28 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
29 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
30 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

31 (g) Not later than January 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report  
32 on its findings and recommendations for legislation to the joint standing  
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
34 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
35 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
36 submits such report or January 1, 2021, whichever is later.

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

To establish a task force to study issues relating to bullying and sexual harassment 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.]*