



**Senate Bill No. 917**

**Special Act No. 23-18**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL TITLE IX PROTECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL RECREATION AREAS AND SCHOOL SPORTS FACILITIES.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group to examine the feasibility of implementing an assessment of all municipal recreation areas and facilities used for the organized playing of sports and any sports facilities maintained by each public school in the state to determine the compliance of such areas and facilities with Title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1972, 20 USC 1681 et seq. The working group shall consider information including, but not limited to, the nature and composition of organized sports teams that utilize such areas or facilities and whether such teams may be prohibited from utilizing such areas or facilities.

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

(1) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is a member of the General Assembly who represents a municipality with a population of more than eighty thousand;

(2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

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who is a member of a nonprofit organization that represents an association of schools;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a parent of a public school student who identifies as a female;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a member of the General Assembly who represents a municipality with a population of less than eighty thousand;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a parent of a public school student who identifies as a male;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a member of an interscholastic athletic conference organization;

(7) One appointed by the Commissioner of Education, who is an experienced Title IX coordinator;

(8) One appointed by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity;

(9) One appointed by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference;

(10) One appointed by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association; and

(11) Two appointed by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, both of whom are the chief executive officer of a municipality in the state.

(c) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working group

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from among the members of the working group. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

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

(e) Any member of the working group appointed under subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and planning and development. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

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