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Substitute House Bill No. 7169

House of Representatives, April 8, 2025

The Committee on Education reported through REP. LEEPER of the 132nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE INCORPORATION OF CONNECTICUT'S CULTURAL RESOURCES WITH PROJECT-BASED LEARNING.

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 working
2 group to study the incorporation of Connecticut's cultural resources
3 with project-based learning for students. Such study shall examine (1)
4 which of the state's cultural and artistic resources are best suited for
5 project-based learning for students in grades kindergarten to eight,
6 inclusive, (2) how does each cultural and artistic resource align with
7 grade-level curricula, learning objectives and standards, (3) whether
8 such project-based learning can be incorporated into the model
9 curriculum for grades kindergarten to eight, inclusive, developed
10 pursuant to section 10-25b of the general statutes, (4) the resources
11 necessary for the State Education Resource Center, established pursuant
12 to section 10-357a of the general statutes, to develop model lesson plans
13 for each cultural and artistic resource to enable project-based learning
14 and incorporation into existing grade-level curricula, (5) the costs that

15 would be incurred for each school to visit such cultural and artistic
16 resources, and (6) ways in which state funds may be made available to
17 the State Education Resource Center and school districts to implement
18 such project-based learning.

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

20 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
21 one of whom is a representative of CT Humanities and one of whom is
22 a representative of the Connecticut Arts Administrators Association;

23 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
24 whom is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public
25 School Superintendents and one of whom is a representative of the
26 Connecticut Council for the Social Studies;

27 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
28 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut
29 Association of Boards of Education;

30 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
31 a representative from a nonprofit organization specializing in the arts;

32 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
33 Representatives, who shall be a social studies teacher in a public school
34 in the state;

35 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
36 an art teacher in a public school in the state;

37 (7) The executive director of the State Education Resource Center, or
38 the executive director's designee;

39 (8) The director of arts, preservation and museums of the CT Office
40 of the Arts within the Department of Economic and Community
41 Development, or the director's designee;

42 (9) The individual responsible for social studies in grades
43 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, in the Academic Office at the

44 Department of Education; and

45 (10) The humanities and the arts project manager in the Academic
46 Office at the Department of Education.

47 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision
48 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
49 of the General Assembly.

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

53 (e) The first meeting of the working group shall be scheduled and
54 held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The
55 chairpersons of the working group shall be elected from among the
56 members of the working group at the first meeting.

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

60 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a
61 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
62 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
63 relating to education in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
64 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
65 that it submits such report or July 1, 2026, whichever is later.

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

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a working group to study the incorporation of Connecticut's cultural resources with project-based learning for students, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the working group has the expertise to carry out the bill's requirements.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 7 (03/21/2025)