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**Raised Bill No. 7169**

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***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 five,  
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) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
21 who shall be a representative of CT Humanities;

22 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
23 shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School  
24 Superintendents;

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 (9) The individual responsible for social studies in grades  
41 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, in the Academic Office at the  
42 Department of Education.

43 (c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision  
44 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
45 of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

56 (g) Not later than January 1, 2026, the working group shall submit a  
57 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
58 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
59 relating to education in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
60 of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date  
61 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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a working group to study the incorporation of Connecticut's cultural resources with project-based learning for students.

*[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.]*

