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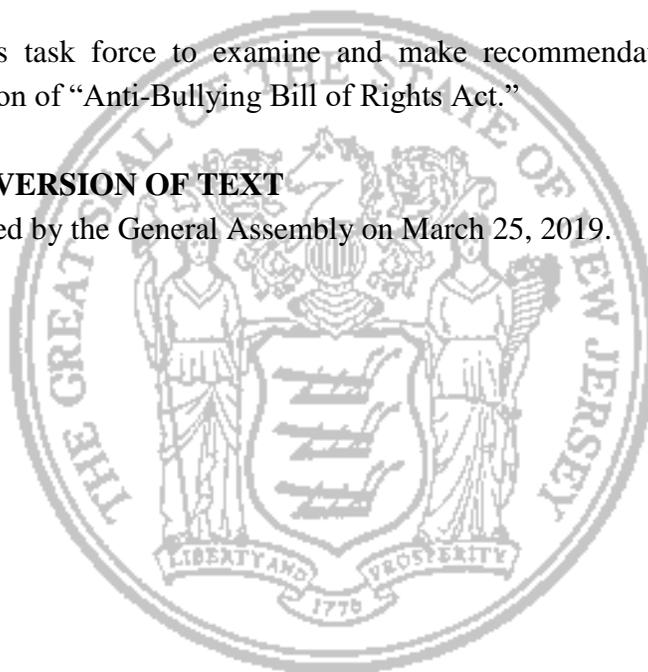
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes task force to examine and make recommendations regarding implementation of “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on March 25, 2019.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/24/2019)

1 AN ACT establishing a Task Force to examine the “Anti-Bullying
2 Bill of Rights Act.”

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. There is established a task force for the purpose of
8 examining, evaluating, and making recommendations regarding the
9 ‘implementation of the’¹ “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act,”
10 P.L.2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-13 et seq.), as amended and
11 supplemented by P.L.2010, c.122 (C.18A:37-13.1 et al.).

12 b. The task force shall consist of 11 members as follows:

13 (1) **‘[nine] eight’**¹ members who each have a background in, or
14 special knowledge of, the legal, policy, educational, social, or
15 psychological aspects of bullying in public schools **‘[. These nine**
16 **members shall be] ,’**¹ appointed as follows: two appointed by the
17 Senate President; two appointed by the Speaker of the General
18 Assembly; and **‘[five] four’**¹ appointed by the Governor; **‘[and]’**¹

19 (2) ‘the chairperson of the Anti-Bullying Task Force established
20 pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2012, c.1; and

21 (3)¹ two members of the public, to be appointed by the
22 Governor, one of whom is a family member of a student who has
23 experienced bullying and one of whom is a student over the age of
24 17 who personally has experienced bullying.

25 c. Appointments to the task force shall be made within 30 days
26 of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the
27 task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original
28 appointments were made.

29 d. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation,
30 but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenditures incurred in the
31 performance of their duties as members of the task force within the
32 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the task
33 force for its purposes.

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35 2. a. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable, but
36 no later than 30 days following the appointment of its members.
37 The task force shall choose a chairperson from among its members
38 and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the task
39 force.

40 b. The Department of Education shall provide such
41 stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistants, and such
42 professional staff as the task force requires to carry out its work.
43 The task force also shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail
44 itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted March 25, 2019.

1 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
2 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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4 3. a. It shall be the duty of the task force to study and evaluate
5 the current implementation of the “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights
6 Act,” to identify areas for improvement, and to make
7 recommendations regarding any appropriate changes or updates to
8 the law ¹or regulations implementing the law¹. The task force shall:

9 (1) examine and evaluate the effectiveness of the
10 implementation of the “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act” in the
11 schools of the State;

12 (2) examine any unintended consequences resulting from
13 implementation of the “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act” and the
14 regulations promulgated pursuant to the act including, but not
15 limited to, impacts of the law on athletic coaches; and

16 (3) present any recommendations deemed necessary and
17 appropriate to modify or update the “Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights
18 Act” and its implementing regulations.

19 b. The task force shall hold at least one public hearing during
20 the course of its work in order to receive public input on the issues
21 being studied by the task force ¹and shall invite the participation of
22 students and families who have experienced bullying in any public
23 hearings held by the task force¹.

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25 4. The task force shall issue a final report of its findings and
26 recommendations to the Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant
27 to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than 180
28 days after the task force organizes.

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30 5. This act shall take effect immediately, and the task force
31 shall expire 30 days after the issuance of its report.