



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

**Proposed Bill No. 5224**

LCO No. 184



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
REP. CONLEY, 40th Dist.

**AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES THAT  
DISCRIMINATE AGAINST STUDENTS BASED ON NATURAL HAIR  
AND HAIRSTYLES.**

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

- 1 That section 10-221 of the general statutes be amended to prohibit a
- 2 local or regional board of education from developing, adopting or
- 3 implementing any policy that discriminates against or denies any
- 4 student an equal opportunity to participate in the activities, programs
- 5 and courses of study offered in the schools under the jurisdiction of such
- 6 board on the basis of such student's natural hair, hair texture or
- 7 hairstyle, such as braids, dreadlocks and twists.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prohibit local and regional boards of education from adopting policies that discriminate against students based on natural hair and hairstyles.