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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON WOMEN AND GIRLS."

1 In line 141, before "Internet" insert "state" and strike "of the
2 Department"

3 In line 142, strike "of Administrative Services"

4 Strike section 6 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
5 thereof:

6 "Sec. 6. Section 4-9b of the general statutes is repealed and the
7 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

8 (a) (1) Appointing authorities, in cooperation with one another, shall
9 make a good faith effort to ensure that, to the extent possible and
10 consistent with applicable law, by January 1, 2026, and thereafter, the
11 membership, except the ex-officio membership, of each state appointive

12 board, commission, committee and council having members appointed
13 by the Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly is
14 qualified and closely reflects the gender and racial diversity of the state
15 according to the most recent United States census population data.

16 (2) If there are multiple appointing authorities for [a] any board,
17 commission, committee or council described in subdivision (1) of this
18 subsection, the appointing authorities shall inform each other of their
19 appointees or planned appointees in order to facilitate compliance with
20 this section.

21 (3) Appointing authorities for any board, commission, committee or
22 council described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, consistent
23 with applicable law, (A) consider each recommendation for
24 appointment of a public member to any such board, commission,
25 committee or council made by any community or other similar
26 organization representing the interests of gender and racial diversity,
27 and (B) make a good faith effort to seek out individuals for such
28 appointment that reflect such diversity. The Governor, or the
29 Governor's designee, and the chairpersons of the Joint Committee on
30 Legislative Management, or the chairpersons' designee, shall coordinate
31 public education and outreach strategies with such community or other
32 similar organizations to increase awareness of, and recruit diverse
33 applicants for, such appointments.

34 (b) [The] (1) At the time of a member's appointment to any state
35 appointive board, commission, committee or council described in
36 subsection (a) of this section, the executive officer or chairperson of such
37 board, commission, committee or council shall maintain a record of, and
38 make available to the Secretary of the State, any data voluntarily
39 provided to the executive officer or chairperson concerning such
40 member's gender and race. In addition, the executive officer or
41 chairperson of each such state appointive board, commission,
42 committee and council, [having members appointed by the Governor or
43 appointed by members of the General Assembly,] except committees
44 whose membership consists solely of members of the General

45 Assembly, shall [report] submit in writing to the Secretary of the State
46 on or after September first, but not later than October 1, 1993, and
47 biennially thereafter, [(1)] (A) the number of members of such body and
48 [(2)] (B) the composition of the body according to the term "race/sex",
49 as defined in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and
50 Opportunities. Such [report] data shall not include the names of the
51 individual members of the board, commission, committee or council.

52 (2) The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the [reports]
53 data submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records. In
54 addition, not later than January 1, 2022, and every two years thereafter,
55 the Secretary shall develop and publish, including on the Internet web
56 site of the office of the Secretary of the State, a report regarding the
57 gender and racial composition of each state appointive board,
58 commission, committee and council described in subsection (a) of this
59 section, and shall conduct an analysis comparing the gender and racial
60 composition of the state according to the most recent United States
61 census population data with the goal of reflecting the most recent
62 United States census population data on such boards, commissions,
63 committees and councils by January 1, 2026.

64 (c) No provision of this section shall (1) prohibit an individual from
65 completing a term as a member of a state appointive board, commission,
66 committee or council being served on July 2, 1993, or (2) create a private
67 right of action."