
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6909

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY OUTREACH BY STATE AGENCIES REGARDING APPROPRIATE TERMINOLOGY.

SUMMARY

This bill requires state agencies to try to solicit feedback before using, in official communications to the public or on forms to be completed by the public, any term that describes or identifies a particular community based on ethnicity, religious affiliation, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation. They must specifically solicit members or representatives of a respective community as to whether using a term is appropriate.

Under the bill, a “state agency” is any department, board, council, commission, institution, or other state executive branch agency, including constituent units and public higher education institutions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/27/2023)