



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6909***

LCO No. 4006



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

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

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section,  
2 "state agency" means any department, board, council, commission,  
3 institution or other executive branch agency of state government,  
4 including, but not limited to, each constituent unit and each public  
5 institution of higher education.

6 (b) Prior to a state agency commencing the use of any term to describe  
7 or identify a particular community based on ethnicity, religious  
8 affiliation, race, gender identity or sexual orientation in an official  
9 communication to the public or on a form to be completed by the public,  
10 the state agency shall attempt to solicit feedback from the members or  
11 representatives of such community regarding whether the use of such  
12 term is appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require state agencies to solicit feedback from members of a community before using terminology to describe such community.

*[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.]*