

SENATE BILL 435

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By: **Senators Waldstreicher and Jackson**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary Schools – Title**
3 **VI Coordinators**
4 **(Remove Discrimination in Education Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing board of each institution of higher education
6 in the State and local school systems to designate a Title VI Coordinator to ensure
7 compliance with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; authorizing a person
8 alleging discrimination under certain provisions of law to file a complaint with a
9 Title VI Coordinator of a local school system, as applicable; and generally relating to
10 Title VI Coordinators in institutions of higher education and local school systems.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 11–409 and 26–706
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 26–705(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Education**

24 **11–409.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(A) THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL DESIGNATE A TITLE VI COORDINATOR TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

(B) A TITLE VI COORDINATOR SHALL:

(1) HAVE EXPERTISE IN AND OVERSEE COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI LAW AND REGULATIONS;

(2) PROMOTE EQUAL ACCESS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

(3) PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES REGARDING TITLE VI LAW AND REGULATIONS;

(4) DOCUMENT AND INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS;

(5) MAINTAIN RECORDS AND REPORTS; AND

(6) PERFORM ANY OTHER RELEVANT DUTIES ESTABLISHED BY THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

26–705.

(a) (1) A person alleging discrimination in violation of § 26–704 of this subtitle may file a complaint with the State Superintendent OR, IF APPLICABLE, THE TITLE VI COORDINATOR OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM OR BOTH.

(2) A complaint filed under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall specify the relief or remedy requested.

(3) A parent or guardian of a minor alleging discrimination may submit a complaint under this subsection on behalf of the minor.

26–706.

(A) EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL DESIGNATE A TITLE VI COORDINATOR TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

(B) A TITLE VI COORDINATOR SHALL:

(1) HAVE EXPERTISE IN AND OVERSEE COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI LAW AND REGULATIONS;

1 **(2) PROMOTE EQUAL ACCESS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE**
2 **PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM;**

3 **(3) PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES REGARDING**
4 **TITLE VI LAW AND REGULATIONS;**

5 **(4) DOCUMENT COMPLAINTS;**

6 **(5) FORWARD COMPLAINTS TO THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT IN**
7 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 26–705 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

8 **(6) MAINTAIN RECORDS AND REPORTS; AND**

9 **(7) PERFORM ANY OTHER RELEVANT DUTIES ESTABLISHED BY THE**
10 **LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2025.