

Chapter 773

**(House Bill 1066)**

AN ACT concerning

**Hate Crimes – Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention –  
Establishment**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention;  
and generally relating to the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention.

BY adding to

Article – State Government

Section 6–701 and 6–702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Commission on  
Hate Crime Response and Prevention”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Government**

**SUBTITLE 7. COMMISSION ON HATE CRIME RESPONSE AND PREVENTION.**

**6–701.**

**IN THIS SUBTITLE, “COMMISSION” MEANS THE COMMISSION ON HATE CRIME  
RESPONSE AND PREVENTION.**

**6–702.**

**(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION ON HATE CRIME RESPONSE AND  
PREVENTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

**(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS,  
APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:**

**(1) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ANTI–DEFAMATION LEAGUE;**

**(2) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC  
ISLANDER COMMUNITY;**

- (3) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ~~BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION~~ WOMEN’S LAW CENTER;**
- (4) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL;**
- (5) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COALITION OPPOSED TO VIOLENCE AND EXTREMISM;**
- (6) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN–ISLAMIC RELATIONS MARYLAND OFFICE;**
- (7) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF FREE STATE JUSTICE;**
- (8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL;**
- (9) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE IMMIGRATION OUTREACH SERVICE CENTER;**
- (10) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF HUMAN RELATIONS/HUMAN RIGHTS AGENCIES;**
- (11) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION;**
- (12) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS;**
- (13) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND COORDINATION AND ANALYSIS CENTER;**
- (14) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY;**
- (15) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION;**
- (16) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND STATE’S ATTORNEYS’ ASSOCIATION;**
- (17) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS;**

**(18) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE;**

**(19) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIDE CENTER OF MARYLAND;**

**(20) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SIKH COALITION; AND**

**(21) TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

**(C) (1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS 4 YEARS.**

**(2) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON JUNE 1, 2023.**

**(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

**(4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.**

**(D) (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE, IS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.**

**(2) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION.**

**(E) IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION, INCLUDING FUNDS TO:**

**(1) EMPLOY A FULL-TIME ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO STAFF THE COMMISSION; AND**

**(2) OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE OFFICE.**

**(F) (1) A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.**

**(2) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION.**

**(G) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:**

**(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION; BUT**

**(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

**(H) THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

**(1) DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO HATE CRIME ACTIVITY; AND**

**(2) EVALUATE STATE LAWS AND POLICIES RELATING TO HATE CRIMES.**

**(I) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS HATE CRIMES THAT OCCUR IN SCHOOLS.**

**(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS HATE CRIMES IN THE STATE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial appointed members of the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention shall expire as follows:

(1) five members in 2024;

(2) five members in 2025;

(3) six members in 2026; and

(4) six members in 2027.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2023.

**Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2023.**