

(1) Membership. The Advisory Council shall be composed of the following members:

- (A) the Executive Director of the Vermont Principals' Association or designee;
- (B) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or designee;
- (C) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association or designee;
- (D) the President of the Vermont-National Education Association or designee;
- (E) the Executive Director of the Vermont Human Rights Commission or designee;
- (F) the Executive Director of the Vermont Independent Schools Association or designee;
- (G) two individuals who serve as designated employees under the hazing, harassment, and bullying prevention policy, appointed by the Secretary of Education;
- (H) a member, appointed by the Vermont Education Equity Collective;
- (I) a school social worker, appointed by the National Association of Social Workers - Vermont Chapter;
- (J) a member, appointed by the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights;
- (K) a student member, appointed by the Vermont Student Anti-Racism Network;
- (L) a student member, appointed by Outright Vermont;
- (M) a member, appointed by the Office of Racial Equity;
- (N) a member, appointed by the Vermont Commission on Women;
- (O) a member, appointed by the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and
- (P) a parent or caregiver member, appointed by the Vermont Family Network.

(2) Duties. The Advisory Council shall:

- (A) Meet at least four and not more than 12 times per year.
- (B) Review and advise on coordination of school and statewide activities relating to the prevention of and response to harassment, hazing, and bullying.
- (C) Review the model harassment, hazing, and bullying prevention policies developed by the Secretary every three years, beginning in 2026, and recommend updates to the policies as necessary.

(D) Review and advise on resources on hazing, harassment, and bullying prevention and response to school professionals.

(E) Annually solicit input from students, parents, and schools on hazing, harassment, and bullying.

(F) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), annually on or before January 15, the Council shall submit a written report to House and Senate Committees on Education, which shall hold a joint legislative hearing each legislative session to review the report. The Council shall also submit the report to the State Board of Education at the same time.

(3) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Council shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 12 meetings of the Council per year.