AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Alzate, Mendez, and Amore

Date Introduced: January 23, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

16-21-37. Students' bill of rights.

No pupil attending public schools of elementary through high school grades inclusive of kindergarten shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status or mental, physical, developmental, or sensory disability, or by association with an individual or group who has, or is perceived to have, one or more such characteristics.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would provide students attending public schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a
2 students' bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or
3 mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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