
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1059 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, GALLOWAY, HILL-EVANS, SHUSTERMAN,
FREEMAN, SAPPEY, SANCHEZ, ROZZI, WEBSTER AND HOWARD,
OCTOBER 19, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board to
2 mandate one ethics continuing legal education credit on
3 diversity, equity and inclusion for every active lawyer in
4 this Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, A permanent program adopted by the Supreme Court of
6 Pennsylvania established minimum requirements for continuing
7 legal education for Pennsylvania lawyers; and

8 WHEREAS, The program was established by an order of the
9 Supreme Court dated January 7, 1992, and is administered by the
10 Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education (PACLE) Board; and

11 WHEREAS, The public properly expects that lawyers, in the
12 practice of law, will maintain certain standards of professional
13 competence and ethical behavior; and

14 WHEREAS, The requirement for continuing legal education was
15 established to ensure that, throughout their careers, lawyers
16 admitted to practice in this Commonwealth remain current
17 regarding the law and maintain the requisite knowledge and skill
18 necessary to fulfill their professional responsibilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Lawyers who became admitted to practice law in
2 Pennsylvania on or after July 1, 1992, must complete a program
3 of continuing legal education as provided by the rules and
4 regulations of the PACLE Board; and

5 WHEREAS, An active lawyer is a member in good standing of the
6 bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania who is not an active or
7 senior member of the judiciary; and

8 WHEREAS, The PACLE Board has acknowledged the critical
9 importance of diversity in the legal profession and justice
10 system; and

11 WHEREAS, The educational process is fundamentally important
12 to advancing diversity and eliminating bias; and

13 WHEREAS, In developing the ethics continuing legal education
14 credit on diversity, equity and inclusion, the PACLE Board is
15 encouraged to consult with lawyers who have proven their
16 knowledge and experience on diversity, equity and inclusion;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
19 Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board mandate one ethics
20 continuing legal education credit on diversity, equity and
21 inclusion for every active lawyer in this Commonwealth.