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**LGBTQ Youth State Commission** *(Title I, Ch. 3, Sec. 67 Massachusetts Example):*

- This bill creates a permanent commission on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth
- The commission comprises 27 members appointed by different LGBTQ advocacy areas like healthcare, social work, parental support, etc. In recent years, the commission has expanded to 50 members.
  - There is a requirement for the following:
    - At least 1 parent of an LGBTQIA individual
    - At least 1 high school student in addition to 1 college student
    - At least 1 representative from an educational institution
    - At least 1 mental health professional
  - Appointed to 2-year terms
- The commission would be allowed to request information and assistance from all state agencies
- The commission would be allowed to accept funding, grants, donations, gifts, and other things of that nature
- Massachusetts and **Washington** are the only states that have this LGBTQIA+ State Commission
  - Massachusetts is the only state whose commission is youth-centered
    - The Massachusetts Commission was founded in 1992
    - The commission releases yearly recommendations for state agencies about the ways various state agencies can directly improve the lives of LGBTQ youth via direct and intersectional policy
- According to the Massachusetts state government, 14.3% of students in the state identified as LGBTQIA+ where the risk of being bullied in school was 1.7 times higher for LGBTQIA+ students in comparison to straight, cis-gendered peers.


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