

HOUSE BILL 485

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By: **Delegate Stewart**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Hate Crimes – Penalty**
3 **(Educate Against Hate Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the court to impose a certain requirement on offenders
5 convicted of hate crimes; and generally relating to hate crimes.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 10–306
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 10–306.

15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a person who violates this
16 subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not
17 exceeding 3 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

18 (b) (1) A person who violates § 10–304(2)(i) of this subtitle is guilty of a felony
19 and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding
20 \$10,000 or both.

21 (2) A person who violates § 10–304(2)(ii) of this subtitle is guilty of a felony
22 and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years or a fine not exceeding
23 \$20,000 or both.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION, THE**
2 **COURT SHALL REQUIRE A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE TO COMPLETE AT**
3 **LEAST 8 HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION RELATING TO THE GROUP OR**
4 **COMMUNITY AGAINST WHOM THE PERSON CONVICTED HAS COMMITTED A**
5 **PROHIBITED ACT.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2020.