

Law 4301/2014 (A' 223/07-10-2014) "Organization of the Legal Form of Religious Communities and their organizations in Greece and other provisions falling within the competence of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs, and other provisions"; Article 28 "Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace".

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Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace

After article 40 of Law 3536/2007 (A' 42), a new article 40A is added as follows:

"Article 40A Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace

1. A Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace is hereby established within the central service of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, which shall constitute an advisory body to the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs on matters concerning the Medresses of Thrace and, more generally, issues relating to the religious education of the Muslim minority of Thrace. The Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace shall consist of seven (7) members, as follows: a) the Muftis or locum tenentes of the Muftiates of Xanthi, Komotini and Didymoticho; b) the Regional Director of Primary and Secondary Education of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace, and alternate; c) three (3) persons of acknowledged competence with knowledge and experience in matters of Islamic religious education and/or public education and/or Islam and/or Arab-Islamic culture, in particular members of University staff, Grade A, B or C Advisors of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, advisors of the Institute of Educational Policy, Directors of Education, School Counselors, principals and teachers of Islamic religious education in the Medresses of Thrace, graduates of the Special Pedagogical Academy of Thessaloniki, Islamic religion teachers appointed pursuant to article 53 of Law 4115/2013, Islamic theologians, secondary education teachers, and administrators in education management with experience in matters falling within the competence of the Council, who shall be appointed, together with their alternates, by decision of the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs which is published in the Government Gazette. By the same decision, the President and his or her deputy, as well as the Secretary of the Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace, who shall be an employee of the University Education category of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, shall be designated. The term of office of the members appointed by the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs shall be three (3) years and may be renewed.
2. The Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace is responsible for expressing views to the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs on matters concerning the Medresses of Thrace and, more generally, issues relating to the religious education of the Muslim minority of Thrace, in particular regarding: a) establishing, merging, abolishing and relocating the Medresses of Thrace; b) curriculum development or reviewing of the Medresses of Thrace; c) the call for and preparation of special textbooks for students and teachers of the Medresses of Thrace by the Institute of Educational Policy; d) enrolments, transfers, attendance, sanctions, examinations, student assessment procedures and generally organizing student life in the Medresses of Thrace; e) official holidays and school time schedule of the Medresses of Thrace; f) study of any educational matter referred by the Minister of Education and Religious

Affairs regarding, in general, the operation of the Medresses of Thrace; and g) any other related matter. Furthermore, the Council may: a) cooperate with the Institute of Educational Policy, other supervised entities and services of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Higher Education Institutions on pedagogical and scientific matters, as well as experts on specific issues relating to the Medresses' operation; b) coordinate training activities and cooperate with competent bodies for implementing, within the Medresses, professional development and in-service training programs for teachers of Islamic religion courses, practical training of undergraduate students and trainees, and postgraduate students; c) make recommendations to the Minister of Education and Religious Affairs regarding the operation of student clubs; d) present awards to high achieving students of the Medresses; e) issue opinions on the participation of students of the Medresses in international contests relating to Islamic religion courses; f) run contests among students of the Medresses.

3. The Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace shall express an opinion to the competent body, in accordance with the law, regarding the appointment of principals and vice-principals of the Medresses of Thrace.
4. The Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace shall meet at the premises of the central offices of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs or, by decision of its President, at the premises of the Regional Directorate of Education of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace. The Council may also convene by teleconference. All decisions of the Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace shall be adopted by an absolute majority of the total number of its members. In all other respects, the provisions of article 14 of Law 2690/1999 (A' 45), as in force from time to time shall apply.
5. Participation in the Supervisory Council of the Medresses of Thrace shall be without remuneration. Traveling costs for the President, the members and the Secretary for participating in the meetings of the Council shall be borne by the budget of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs."