

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1038

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A Resolution discouraging schools from mandating professional development for teachers that covers critical race theory, Project 1619 or the issues provided in Enrolled House Bill No. 1775 of the 1st Regular Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature.

WHEREAS, Enrolled House Bill No. 1775 was signed into law on May 7, 2021, during the 1st Regular Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the measure prohibits higher education students from being required to engage in gender or sexual diversity training or counseling or any orientation that presents race or sex stereotyping or bias; and

WHEREAS, boards of regents of colleges and universities in this state bear the responsibility for the execution of policy and should have the authority of due diligence to review, attend, audit and comment on any educational training class or financial policy, and each institution of higher education must make this information available upon request; and

WHEREAS, the measure prohibits public education from teaching the concepts that one race or sex is inherently superior or oppressive to another; and

WHEREAS, all teachers, administrators and other school employees are prohibited from teaching or providing training, as part of a course, that members of one race or sex should treat others with disrespect and that a student's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex; and

WHEREAS, using state academic standards, teachers should continue to teach without advocating that individuals should bear responsibility for actions in the past by other members of the same race or sex and that individuals should feel discomfort or guilt on account of their race or sex; and

WHEREAS, in a letter, the Attorney General stated "schools can and should teach history accurately, grounded in facts, including our shortcomings like the Trail of Tears and the Tulsa Race Massacre, and they can do so now"; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Secretary of Education stated that the law "safeguards Oklahoma schools from state-sponsored racism and sexism"; and

WHEREAS, each school board of education of a local school district bears the responsibility for the execution of policy. School boards should have the authority of due diligence to review, audit and comment on any educational training or financial policy. Each school district must make this information available upon request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives discourages schools from mandating professional development for teachers that covers critical race theory, Project 1619 or the issues provided in Enrolled House Bill No. 1775 of the 1st Regular Session of the 58th Oklahoma Legislature.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 27th day of May,
2021.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
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