

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1038

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution discouraging schools from mandating professional development for teachers that cover 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

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, each school board of education of a local school
22 district bears the responsibility for the execution of policy.
23 School boards should have the authority of due diligence to review,
24 audit and comment on any educational training or financial policy.

1 Each school district must make this information available upon
2 request.

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

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

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