BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: SB 796 Version: ENGR

Request Number:

Author: Rep. Crosswhite Hader Date: 4/8/2025 Impact: No Impact

Research Analysis

SB 796 prohibits state colleges and universities from using state funds to support DEI positions, activities or programs. State colleges and universities are also prohibited from requiring:

- DEI statements on applications;
- Someone to disclose their pronouns;
- DEI-related training or education;
- Someone to declare adherence to a particular political, religious, or ideological viewpoint; and
- Someone to swear an oath that favors one particular race, color, sex, ethnicity, over another.

State colleges and universities are required to review and eliminate any such departments, activities, and procedures and submit a certificate of compliance to legislative leaders and the governor by July 1, 2026.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the engrossed version of the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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