## **Bill Summary** 1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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## **Bill Analysis**

SB 846 creates the Stop DEI Act. It directs the governing board of each institution of higher education to establish curricula and designate courses in a manner that does not require or constrain students to enroll in a diversity, equity, inclusion, and critical race theory (DEI-CRT) related education, major, minor, or certificate requirements. The measure prohibits an institution of higher education or any employee, appointee, or committee thereof from requiring or incentivizing faculty to apply or participate in DEI-CRT related content in any course as a condition of approval, designation, or listing as part of a degree program. It provides an exemption for degree program requirements that clearly establish a course of study primarily focused on racial, ethnic, or gender studies. The bill also directs alleged violations to be submitted to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, which is required to adopt a policy providing for investigations of such alleged violations. It states that if an institution of higher education is found to be in violation of the act, it is ineligible to receive funding allocations from the State Regents for the following fiscal years. It requires the State Regents to submit an annual report regarding the alleged violations.

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