
HOUSE BILL 1886

State of Washington **67th Legislature** **2022 Regular Session**

By Representatives Klippert, Chase, Dent, and Young

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race
2 theory and related curricula in public schools; adding a new section
3 to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.710 RCW;
4 and declaring an emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) School districts may not provide instruction, including
9 facilitation of classroom discussion, in critical race theory to
10 students in grades kindergarten through 12.

11 (2) For the purposes of this section, "critical race theory"
12 means:

13 (a) Propositions or assertions that resemble, in whole or in
14 part, that:

15 (i) One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or
16 sex;

17 (ii) The United States is fundamentally or structurally racist or
18 sexist;

19 (iii) An individual, by virtue of the individual's race or sex,
20 is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive;

1 (iv) An individual should be discriminated against or receive
2 adverse treatment solely or partly because of race or sex;

3 (v) An individual's moral character is determined by the
4 individual's race or sex;

5 (vi) An individual, by virtue of race or sex, bears
6 responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of
7 the same race or sex;

8 (vii) Any individual should feel guilt, anguish, or any other
9 form of psychological distress on account of the individual's race or
10 sex;

11 (viii) Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are racist
12 or sexist, or were created by a particular race to oppress another
13 race; or

14 (ix) Liberty and freedom are not American values; or

15 (b) Any other form of race or sex stereotyping or any other form
16 of race or sex scapegoating. For the purposes of this subsection:
17 "Race or sex stereotyping" means ascribing character traits, values,
18 moral and ethical codes, privileges, status, or beliefs to a race or
19 sex, or to an individual because of their race or sex, and "race or
20 sex scapegoating" means assigning fault, blame, or bias to a race or
21 sex, or to members of a race or sex because of their race or sex. The
22 terms similarly encompass any claim that, consciously or
23 subconsciously, and by virtue of race or sex, members of any race are
24 inherently racist or are inherently inclined to oppress others, or
25 that members of a sex are inherently sexist or inclined to oppress
26 others.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.710
28 RCW to read as follows:

29 Section 1 of this act governs school operation and management
30 under RCW 28A.710.040 and applies to charter schools established
31 under this chapter.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
34 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
35 effect immediately.

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