

HB 1591 -- DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES BASED ON HAIR TEXTURE AND HAIRSTYLE

SPONSOR: Bosley

This bill prohibits discrimination on the basis of hair texture and protective hairstyles in any program or activity conducted by an educational institutions that receive or benefit from state financial assistance or state student financial aid.

The bill defines "race" for the purposes of Chapter 213, RSMo. to include traits historically associated with race including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles. The term "protective hairstyles" shall include, but is not limited to, such hairstyles as braids, locks, and twists.

This bill is similar to HB 326 (2023) and HB 2373 (2022).