

SENATE BILL NO. 586

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public school curriculum and instruction.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.2550, to read as follows:

160.2550. 1. For the purposes of the provisions of this section, "divisive concepts" shall mean concepts that:

(1) One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex;

(2) The United States is fundamentally racist or sexist;

(3) An individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously;

(4) An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex;

(5) Members of one race or sex cannot avoid treating others differently with respect to race or sex;

(6) An individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex;

17 (7) An individual, by virtue of his or her race or
18 sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past
19 by other members of the same race or sex;

20 (8) Any individual should feel discomfort, guilt,
21 anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on
22 account of his or her race or sex;

23 (9) Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic
24 are racist or sexist, or were created by a particular race
25 to oppress another race;

26 (10) Promote any form of race or sex stereotyping,
27 including ascribing character traits, values, moral and
28 ethical codes, privileges, status, or beliefs to a race,
29 sex, or an individual because of his or her race or sex; or

30 (11) Promote any form of race or sex scapegoating,
31 including assigning fault, blame, or conscious or
32 unconscious bias to one or more members of a race or sex and
33 including claims that, consciously or unconsciously, any
34 person is inherently racist, sexist, or inclined to oppress
35 others by virtue of their race or sex.

36 2. It shall be the policy of the state board of
37 education not to promote or allow divisive concepts in
38 public school curricula or instruction.

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