

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 12

By: Standridge of the Senate

and

Humphrey of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution calling for equal treatment of college students; expecting institutions to respect Constitutional protection of equality; respecting students' beliefs; supporting DEI removal; and stopping funding at DEI-teaching institutions.

WHEREAS, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) is being utilized to discriminate, shun, and shame those who do not walk in lockstep with its woke ideology; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is made up of parents and grandparents, and those who respect both, who believe that each child and college student is equal and should have the same opportunities under our U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, we believe DEI is unconstitutional in its disparate treatment of students and faculty and goes directly against the equality guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment; and

1       WHEREAS, DEI, based on its implementation, should now be known  
2 as Divide, Exclude and Indoctrinate; and

3       WHEREAS, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University,  
4 and likely other state institutions of higher education have used  
5 the cloak of DEI to force new impressionable college students to go  
6 through orientation classes, which have been used to push sexual  
7 ideology, leftist thinking, and shame and shun any students that  
8 reject such ideas based on their closely held religious beliefs or  
9 other rationale.

10       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
11 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
12 CONCURRING THEREIN:

13       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature remains committed that college  
14 students should be treated equally in the spirit of competitive  
15 academic achievement.

16       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expects universities and colleges  
17 funded with Oklahomans' hard-earned tax dollars would wholly respect  
18 the protection of equality guaranteed under the 14th Amendment to  
19 the U.S. Constitution.

20       THAT the Oklahoma Legislature expects and demands that our  
21 universities and colleges, that Oklahomans work so hard to fund,  
22 respect the beliefs of all college students, including the large  
23 population of Christian and other religious students that most often  
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1 do not believe in the woke and leftist ideologies being pushed on  
2 impressionable college students under the guise of DEI.

3 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature supports the removal of DEI, its  
4 offices, employees, and leaders from all state-funded institutions  
5 of higher learning in Oklahoma.

6 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature believes if DEI is not completely  
7 eliminated in any state-funded institution of higher learning, all  
8 state funds in any form should be stopped and any unencumbered state  
9 funds should be withdrawn back to the state.

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