

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

3 SENATE BILL 1141

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to higher education; prohibiting
8 certain institutions of higher education from
9 requiring students to enroll in certain courses;
10 prohibiting certain students from being penalized for
11 not enrolling in certain courses; prohibiting certain
12 institutions of higher education from including as
13 part of certain courses certain concepts; providing
14 prohibited concepts; providing exception; allowing
15 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3251 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. 1. Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, no
23 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
24 shall require students to enroll in a course that is not a core
25 requirement of their chosen curriculum and that addresses any form
26 of gender, sexual, or racial diversity, equality, or inclusion
27 curriculum.

1 2. No student shall be penalized academically or financially
2 for choosing not to enroll in a course pursuant to the provisions of
3 this subsection.

4 B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, no institution
5 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education shall include
6 or make part of a course that is a core requirement for a degree
7 program any concepts related to gender, sexual, or racial diversity,
8 equality, or inclusion. Prohibited concepts include:

9 1. One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or
10 sex;

11 2. An individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, is
12 inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or
13 unconsciously;

14 3. An individual should be discriminated against or receive
15 adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or
16 sex;

17 4. Members of one race or sex cannot and should not attempt to
18 treat others without respect to race or sex;

19 5. An individual's moral character is necessarily determined by
20 his or her race or sex;

21 6. An individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears
22 responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of
23 the same race or sex;

1 7. Any individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or
2 any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her
3 race or sex; or

4 8. Meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are racist
5 or sexist or were created by members of a particular race to oppress
6 members of another race.

7 C. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit concepts
8 related to gender, sexual, or racial diversity, equality, or
9 inclusion that align to a degree program focused on gender, sexual,
10 or racial studies.

11 D. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education may
12 promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

14 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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