

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 348

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; defining terms; prohibiting state agencies and departments from adopting certain policies and training; providing certain construction; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840-3.1B of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Race or sex stereotyping" means ascribing character traits, values, moral and ethical codes, privileges, status, or beliefs to a race or sex, or to an individual because of his or her race or sex; and

2. "Race or sex scapegoating" means assigning fault, blame, or bias to a race or sex, or to an individual because of his or her race or sex. It similarly encompasses any claim that, consciously or unconsciously, and by virtue of their race or sex, members of any

1 race are inherently racist or are inherently inclined to oppress
2 others, or that members of a sex are inherently sexist or inclined
3 to oppress others.

4 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every agency or
5 department of the state, county or municipality, or political
6 subdivision shall be prohibited from adopting a policy or training
7 materials to promote race or sex stereotyping or scapegoating.

8 Nothing in this section prevents agencies or departments of this
9 state from promoting racial, cultural, or ethnic diversity or
10 inclusiveness, provided such efforts are consistent with the
11 requirements of this section.

12 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
13 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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