

HCS HB 1669 -- PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTION

SPONSOR: Seitz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 14 to 7.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1669.

This bill prohibits public schools from requiring students to engage in any form of mandatory gender or sexual diversity training or counseling.

The bill also prohibits public school employees from requiring or making as a part of a course specified concepts including but not limited to: one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex; an individual's moral character is necessarily determined by the individual's race or sex; and an individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on account of the individual's race or sex.

The bill directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to begin discipline proceedings against any individual holding a certificate of license to teach for a violation. For any local education agency or online program in violation the SBE shall withhold a maximum of 10% from the monthly distribution of state formula funding.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

This bill is similar to HB 1484 (2022).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this is bipartisan language that nobody should object to providing a clear requirement that discriminatory practices in public classrooms stop. This bill will prevent politicization in the classroom and prevent social justice reforms being taught rather than required state standards.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Seitz; Crystal Domagalski; Amber Brouk; Amber Mueller; Amy Krebs; Amy Reed; Beth Thornton; Brian Powers; Carla Valenti; Carol Heidke; Cheri Pello; Christe Mirikitani; Colette Nicholson; Daniel Folk; Dawn Wind; Eimee Cook; Erin Stephens; Hailey Rogers; Hannah Huff; Heather

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OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that this will have a chilling effect on what may be taught in the classroom and that there are some divisive issues on which teachers should take a stand. There is often no right side of a historical event or individuals. Racism exists in the past and it exists in the present, bills like this attempt to ignore the real issues in society.

Testifying against the bill were Andrea Walter; Ashley O'Daniel; Catherine Devaney; Cheryl Ogolin; Emily Conley; Jessica M Huff; Jessica Rekate; Joy Weese Moll; Justice Nickens; Karen Pinkard; Kenetha Weidmaier; Laura Fewell; Luke Barber; Pro Choice Missouri; Marissa Polzin; Melissa Smith; Melissa Stancic; Nathan Eberlin; Nicole Sciortino; Pam Hopkins; Pamela K Hill; Rebekah Massmann; Ryan J Tinker; Sloan Sheffield Cowell; Tracy Grundy; Tracy Tegethoff; A. Jones; Alice Klem; Alice Landon; Alicia Yerxa; Allison Bender; Allison Smith; Amanda Doyle; Amanda Knittel; Amanda Michel; Amanda Schmid; Amber Wade; Amber Willis; Amber Withycombe; Amy Boschert; Amy Bourland; Amy Crews; Amy De La Hunt; Amy Drummond; Amy Garland; Amy Hoogstraet; Amy King; Amy Logan; Amy Niedbalski; Amy OConnell; Amy Thompson; Andrea Otto; Andrew D Lawson; Andrew Polzin; Angela Sanders; Angela Slavens; Angela Williams; Angie Mendica; Angie Miller; Ann Shabazz; Ann Zimpfer; Anthony J Decarli; April Rivera; Ashley Jamison; Ashley Laurentius; Autumn Cammarata; Autumn Shepherd; Barbara Allen; Barbara Loehrer; Barbara Spieler; Berta Simic; Beth Abraham; Beth Newman; Betty Woodring; Beverly Rollings; Blair Panzica; Bonnie Luna; Brandi Koziattek; Brian Driscoll; Brian Weinstock; Brigiett Cunningham; Brigitte Sheridan; Bruce Rekate; Candy Larson-Soete; Caren Kelly; Carol Fitzsimmons; Carol Mccorkle; Carol Nasby; Carolyn Pridemore; Carrie Love; Catherine Holmes; Catherine Mueller; Cathie Logan; Cathy; Charlotte Rene Vance; Cheryl Flaim; Cheryl J Aylesworth; Chris Ostendorf; Chrissy Latzke; Christina Horton; Christina Matekel-Gibson; Christine Brown; Christy Hefeale; Claudia Jenkins; Colleen "Peggie" Dean; Connor Frisch; Cristan M Caudill; Cynthia Anderson; Cynthia Berryman; Dana Evans; Dana Isom; Daniel Balmer;

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Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.