

HB 165 -- DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION

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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 HCS HB 1669 (2022).