

HB 1998 -- STATE FUNDING OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

SPONSOR: Meirath

This bill creates the "Defunding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Elementary and Secondary Education Act" and the "Defunding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education Act". The bill provides definitions for "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" or "DEI" and requires that educational institutions no longer use state funding for the implementation, teaching, or support of DEI programs or initiatives.

The bill requires any educational institution that uses state funding for a prohibited program to repay the funding. Offending institutions will also have funding suspended in the current fiscal year and in subsequent years until the DEI violation is fixed.

The bill requires that the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education issue an annual report on the number of violations and the amount of state funding recovered due to DEI violations.

This bill is similar to HB 1024 (2025).