
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SCIALABBA, ROWE, KAUFFMAN, HEFFLEY, HAMM, JAMES,
SMITH, GLEIM, ZIMMERMAN, KEEFER, GILLEN AND ARMANINI,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in miscellaneous provisions relating
6 to institutions of higher education, prohibiting certain
7 diversity training and courses.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 2004-I. Diversity training or course prohibited.

14 (a) General rule.--An institution of higher education may
15 not require a student to complete any of the following in order
16 to graduate, receive a degree or receive credit hours:

17 (1) Diversity training.

18 (2) A diversity course.

19 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
20 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this

1 subsection:

2 "Diversity course." A program of study that is based on
3 theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression or privilege
4 are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were
5 created to maintain social, political or economic inequities.
6 The term also includes elements of a course that utilize
7 diversity-focused pedagogy.

8 "Diversity training." Training that is based on theories
9 that systemic racism, sexism, oppression or privilege are
10 inherent in the institutions of the United States and were
11 created to maintain social, political or economic inequities.
12 The term also includes elements of training that utilize
13 diversity-focused pedagogy.

14 "Institution of higher education." Any of the following:

15 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

16 (2) A rural regional college established under Article
17 XIX-G.

18 (3) A university within the State System of Higher
19 Education.

20 (4) An institution that is designated as "State-related"
21 by the Commonwealth.

22 (5) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.