

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1761

By: Representative Lowery

## For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE RELATED TO RACE AND ETHNICITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

*CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE RELATED TO RACE AND ETHNICITY.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

*6-16-156. Instructional materials – Race and ethnicity.*

*(a) Curricula, reading materials, teachers' guides, computer programs, computer applications, programs, counseling, and activities in public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools shall not express, depict, or teach any of the following:*

*(1) That any race or ethnicity is superior to any other race or ethnicity;*

*(2) That any individual from a particular race or ethnicity is inherently racist;*

*(3) That any race or ethnicity should feel guilt or shame because of their race or ethnicity;*

*(4) That the United States, as a nation, is systemically racist;*

*or*

*(5) The promotion of prejudice or discrimination toward any race*



or ethnicity.

(b) A public school or an open-enrollment charter school shall not express, depict, or teach about race or ethnicity in a manner that prevents or inhibits fair and open discourse that employs reason as a guide for deliberation in the exchange of ideas and opposing points of view.

(c) Each public school and open-enrollment public charter school may:

(1) Promulgate policies for the implementation of this section;

and

(2) Ensure that all parents and legal guardians of public school students are advised of the policies implemented under this section.

/s/Lowery