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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1761

5 By: Representative Lowery
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

12 CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN
13 PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT ARE RELATED TO RACE
14 AND ETHNICITY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-16-156. Instructional materials – Race and ethnicity.

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

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

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

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

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

35 or

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



1 or ethnicity.

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

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

7 (1) Promulgate policies for the implementation of this section;
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9 (2) Ensure that all parents and legal guardians of public school
10 students are advised of the policies implemented under this section.

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