

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1508

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Becker, B. Koppelman, Meier, Rohr, D. Ruby

Senators Myrdal, Wanzek

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools; and to
3 provide an effective date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Curriculum - Critical race theory - Prohibited.**

8 Each school district and public school shall ensure instruction of its curriculum is factual
9 and, objective, and aligned to the kindergarten through grade twelve state content standards. A
10 school district or public school may not include instruction relating to critical race theory in any
11 portion of the district's required curriculum under sections 15.1-21-01 or 15.1-21-02, or any
12 other curriculum offered by the district or school. For purposes of this section, "critical race
13 theory" means the theory that racism is not merely the product of learned individual bias or
14 prejudice, but that racism is systemically embedded in American society and the American legal
15 system to facilitate racial inequality. The superintendent of public instruction shallmay adopt
16 rules to govern this section.

17 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective upon its filing with the
18 secretary of state.