

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Special Session Commencing Monday, November 8, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1508
(Representatives Kasper, Becker, B. Koppelman, Meier, Rohr, D. Ruby)
(Senators Myrdal, Wanzek)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

Curriculum - Critical race theory - Prohibited.

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1508.

House Vote: Yeas 76 Nays 16 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 38 Nays 9 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2021,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State