H.584

SHORT FORM


Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; curriculum; antiracist certification

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an antiracism certification program for schools that recognize fully the history, contributions, and perspectives of ethnic groups and social groups, consistent with 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 1. This bill includes legislative findings regarding the impact of ethnic studies on academic and social outcomes on students’ intellectual development. In order to meet certification requirements, a school would need to: 1) develop guidelines for addressing racially
motivated offenses with the goal of educating the offending student; 2)
increase exposure to both age-appropriate literature that addresses systemic racism and Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color authors; 3) develop and implement lesson plans consistent with 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 1; 4) provide antibias and antiracist continuing education for teachers; 5) establish and support antiracism or Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color student-led groups; and 6) develop and administer a biannual survey addressing student understanding of and experience with racism. The specific certification requirements would be tailored as appropriate to elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. Certifications would be reviewed on an annual basis.

An act relating to the creation of an antiracist education certification

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

(TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)