

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1761**

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ETHNIC AND RACIAL EQUALITY ACT.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1761**

Amend House Bill No. 1761 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 8 and 9, and substitute the following:

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

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

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

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"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."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representative Lowery

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Chief Clerk