

By: Representatives Hopkins, Brown (20th),  
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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1495

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR  
2 COLLEGES AND STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM TEACHING  
3 CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND THE 1619 PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED  
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) For purposes of this section, the term  
7 "critical race theory" means the theory that racism is not merely  
8 the product of learned individual bias or prejudice, but that  
9 racism is systemically embedded in American society and the  
10 American legal system to facilitate racial inequality. "Critical  
11 race theory" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following  
12 tenets:

13 (a) Any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color or  
14 national origin is inherently superior or inferior.

15 (b) Individuals should be treated adversely on the  
16 basis of their sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color or national  
17 origin.

18 (c) Individuals, by virtue of sex, race, ethnicity,  
19 religion, color or national origin, are inherently responsible for



20 actions committed in the past by other members of the same sex,  
21 race, ethnicity, religion, color or national origin.

22 (2) Public schools, community and junior colleges, and state  
23 institutions of higher learning in the State of Mississippi may  
24 not:

25 (a) Direct or otherwise compel or attempt to influence  
26 students to personally affirm, adopt or adhere to the tenets of  
27 critical race theory; or

28 (b) Include in their curriculum instruction relating to  
29 critical race theory or introduce a course of instruction or unit  
30 of study directing or otherwise compelling or attempting to  
31 influence students to personally affirm, adopt or adhere to any of  
32 the tenets of critical race theory.

33 **SECTION 2.** Public schools, community and junior colleges,  
34 and state institutions of higher learning in the State of  
35 Mississippi may not include a course of instruction or unit of  
36 study in their curriculum or otherwise teach, use or provide for a  
37 student's use any curricula, instructional materials or  
38 assignments that, in whole or in part, are derived from or  
39 designed to teach components of a project of *The New York Times*  
40 known as the "1619 Project" or any similarly developed curriculum.

41 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 2022.

