

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill creates a standard definition for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) ideology and a mechanism to recoup funds from an institution of higher education that violates any of the parameters outlined within the bill that prohibits offices, policies, and procedures that promote or require DEI ideology.

The State Board of Education may recover funds used in violation of the teaching or requirement of DEI ideology, up to 5% of a program's operating budget. Furthermore, any institution that violates the sections of this Code shall pay \$10,000 for the first violation, \$25,000 for the second violation, and \$50,000 for every violation thereafter. All funds recouped in violation shall be returned to the Legislature to be redistributed.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no negative fiscal impact for this legislation.

There is a potential positive impact due to this legislation with funds being returned to the General Fund for any institution found in violation of the Code sections established here.

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