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H. R. 570

To prohibit the award of Federal funds to schools that promote certain race-based theories to students, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. MOONEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combating Racist
5 Teaching in Schools Act” or the “CRT Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO**
7 **CERTAIN SCHOOLS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF FUNDS TO CERTAIN
9 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.—No Federal

1 funds received by a State or local educational agency may
2 be allocated to an elementary or secondary school that pro-
3 motes the race-based theories described in subsection (c)
4 or compels teachers or students to affirm, adhere to,
5 adopt, or process beliefs in a manner that violates title
6 VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

7 (b) PROHIBITION ON AWARD OF FUNDS TO CERTAIN
8 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—No Federal
9 funds may be awarded to an institution of higher edu-
10 cation if such institution promotes the race-based theories
11 described in subsection (c) or compels teachers or students
12 to affirm, adhere to, adopt, or process beliefs in a manner
13 that violates title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

14 (c) RACE-BASED THEORIES DESCRIBED.—The race-
15 based theories described in this subsection are the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (1) Any race is inherently superior or inferior
18 to any other race, color, or national origin.

19 (2) The United States is a fundamentally racist
20 country.

21 (3) The Declaration of Independence or Con-
22 stitution of the United States are fundamentally rac-
23 ist documents.

1 (4) An individual's moral character or worth is
2 determined by the individual's race, color, or na-
3 tional origin.

4 (5) An individual, by virtue of the individual's
5 race, is inherently racist or oppressive, whether con-
6 sciously or unconsciously.

7 (6) An individual, because of the individual's
8 race, bears responsibility for the actions committed
9 by other members of the individual's race, color, or
10 national origin.

11 (d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

12 (1) PROTECTED SPEECH NOT RESTRICTED.—
13 Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict
14 the speech of a student, teacher, or any other indi-
15 vidual outside of a school setting.

16 (2) ACCESS TO MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE
17 OF RESEARCH OR INDEPENDENT STUDY.—Nothing
18 in this section shall be construed to prevent an indi-
19 vidual from accessing materials that advocate theo-
20 ries described in subsection (c) for the purpose of re-
21 search or independent study.

22 (3) CONTEXTUAL EDUCATION.—Nothing in this
23 section shall be construed to prevent a covered
24 school from stating theories described in subsection
25 (c) or assigning materials that advocate such theo-

1 ries for educational purposes in contexts that make
2 it clear the school does not sponsor, approve, or en-
3 dorse such theories or materials.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) COVERED SCHOOL.—The term “covered
6 school” means an elementary school, a secondary
7 school, or an institution of higher education.

8 (2) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
9 school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary
10 school”, and “State” have the meanings given those
11 terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
12 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

13 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
14 term “institution of higher education” has the
15 meaning given that term in section 102 of the High-
16 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

17 (4) PROMOTE.—The term “promote”, when
18 used with respect to a race-based theory described in
19 subsection (c), means—

20 (A) to include such theories or materials
21 that advocate such theories in curricula, read-
22 ing lists, seminars, workshops, trainings, or
23 other educational or professional settings in a
24 manner that could reasonably give rise to the

1 appearance of official sponsorship, approval, or
2 endorsement;

3 (B) to contract with, hire, or otherwise en-
4 gage speakers, consultants, diversity trainers,
5 and other persons for the purpose of advocating
6 such theories;

7 (C) to compel students to profess a belief
8 in such theories; or

9 (D) to segregate students or other individ-
10 uals by race in any setting, including in edu-
11 cational or training sessions.

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