

SB-56

A BILL To establish a grant program to advocate for the introduction of Critical Race Theory in educational institutions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Wade of Minnesota introduced the following bill;

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "A BILL To establish a grant program to advocate for the introduction of Critical Race Theory in educational institutions.".

SECTION 2. FINDINGS

(a) The Congress finds that:

(i) Critical Race Theory is an academic framework that provides valuable insights into the historical and contemporary impacts of systemic racism and inequality.

(ii) The inclusion of Critical Race Theory in educational curricula promotes a more comprehensive

understanding of American history, law, and society, fostering dialogue, empathy, and critical thinking among students.

(iii) The introduction of Critical Race Theory in educational institutions can help address racial disparities, promote social justice, and create inclusive learning environments.

(b) The Congress further finds that:

(i) Advocacy efforts play a crucial role in raising awareness about the benefits and importance of Critical Race Theory in educational settings.

(ii) Many organizations and individuals are dedicated to promoting and advancing Critical Race Theory but may lack the necessary resources to effectively advocate for its inclusion in schools and colleges.

(iii) Establishing a grant program will provide financial support to eligible entities engaged in advocating for the introduction of Critical Race Theory, thereby amplifying their impact and promoting educational equity.

SECTION 3: GRANT PROGRAM

(a) Establishment of Grant Program:

(i) The Department of Education shall establish a grant program, known as the "Critical Race Theory Advocacy Grant Program," to provide funding to eligible entities engaged in advocacy efforts to introduce Critical Race Theory in educational institutions.

(ii) The Department of Education shall allocate funds annually from the federal budget to support this grant program.

(b) Eligibility:

(i) Eligible entities may include non-profit organizations, educational institutions, community-based organizations, and grassroots advocacy groups that are committed to promoting Critical Race Theory in educational settings.

(ii) To be eligible for the grant, entities must demonstrate a clear plan for advocating for the inclusion of Critical Race Theory in curricula, professional development programs for educators, and community engagement activities.

(c) Application and Selection Process:

(i) The Department of Education shall establish an application process for eligible entities to apply for the grant program.

(ii) The application shall require entities to outline their goals, strategies, and expected outcomes related to advocating for the introduction of Critical Race Theory.

(iii) A review committee, composed of experts in Critical Race Theory and education, shall evaluate the applications and select grantees based on their potential for impact and alignment with the program's objectives.

(d) Use of Grant Funds:

(i) Grant funds may be used to support various activities, including but not limited to:

- Organizing workshops, seminars, and conferences to educate educators, administrators, and community members about Critical Race Theory.

- Developing and disseminating educational materials, resources, and curriculum guides related to Critical Race Theory.

- Conducting research, data collection, and analysis to support evidence-based advocacy efforts.

- Engaging in community outreach to build partnerships and promote dialogue on Critical Race Theory.

- Providing training and professional development opportunities for educators on integrating Critical Race Theory into instruction.

(ii) Grant recipients shall be required to submit periodic reports to the Department of Education, detailing their activities, outcomes, and progress toward achieving their stated goals.

SECTION 4: AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

There is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 annually to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

No severability

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act shall take effect 90 days after it