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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Chenevert to Engrossed House Bill No. 685 by Representative Chenevert

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 7, delete "the" and delete lines 8 and 9 and insert "reports to the presiding officers of the legislature; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 1, after "bias," and before "intersectionality," delete "unconscious bias."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 2 and insert "reparations, or race-based privilege."

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, at the end of line 15, insert a comma "," and insert "allied health, or mental health related"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, line 24, delete "B. Each" and insert "B.(1) No later than May 30, 2026, each"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, after line 28 insert the following:

"(2) Upon adoption of the plan or any subsequent amendment or change thereto, the public postsecondary education management board shall submit a copy of the adopted plan to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 5 through 7 and insert the following:

"D.(1) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the academic freedom of any individual faculty member to direct the instruction of his own class, including the selection of instructional materials, classroom discussion topics, and assignments, nor to limit the free discussion of ideas in a classroom setting. Instruction that references diversity, equity, or inclusion-related topics shall not be construed as a violation of this Section if such content is included at the discretion of the faculty member, is not prescribed by the institution as a program requirement, and is part of a broader pedagogical objective."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, between lines 13 and 14 insert the following:

1           "(3) It is the intent of the Legislature of Louisiana that the provisions of this  
 2           Section apply only to institutionally prescribed or mandated curricular content and  
 3           shall not restrict, limit, or chill the constitutionally protected academic freedom of  
 4           faculty members. This Section shall not be interpreted to interfere with individual  
 5           faculty discretion regarding course content, classroom dialogue, or academic  
 6           research, in accordance with the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United  
 7           States."

8           AMENDMENT NO. 9

9           On page 4, line 13, change "(4)" to "(4)(a)"

10          AMENDMENT NO. 10

11          On page 4, delete line 16 and insert the following:

12                 "or other services or benefits.  
 13                 (b) This Paragraph shall not affect decisions regarding privately funded  
 14                 scholarships."

15          AMENDMENT NO. 11

16          On page 5, at the end of line 12, delete the period "." and insert a comma "," and insert "or  
 17          to meet workforce expectations."

18          AMENDMENT NO. 12

19          On page 5, delete lines 18 through 21 and insert the following:

20                 "D. Each agency, department, and office, including public postsecondary  
 21                 education institutions, shall no later than May 30, 2026, and annually thereafter  
 22                 submit to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate  
 23                 a report of any efforts taken to comply with this Section."

24          AMENDMENT NO. 13

25          On page 5, between lines 24 and 25 insert the following:

26                 "Section 4. It is the intent of the Legislature of Louisiana that the provisions  
 27                 of Section 1 of this Act apply only to institutionally prescribed or mandated  
 28                 curricular content and shall not restrict, limit, or chill the constitutionally protected  
 29                 academic freedom of family members. Section 1 of this Act shall not be interpreted  
 30                 to interfere with individual faculty discretion regarding course content, classroom  
 31                 dialogue, or academic research, in accordance with the First Amendment of the  
 32                 Constitution of the United States."