

§ 126-14.6. Ensuring dignity and nondiscrimination in State government workplaces.

(a) The General Assembly finds that Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution of this State recognizes the equality and rights of all persons. Therefore, it is the intent of the General Assembly that State employees respect the dignity of others, acknowledge the right of others to express differing opinions, and the right to freedom of speech and association and that State agencies employ training methods and procedures to further that intent.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "promote" shall mean compelling State employees to affirm or profess belief in the concepts described in subsection (c) of this section.

(c) The concepts listed in this subsection shall not be promoted in State government workplaces or included as part of any State employee training program:

- (1) One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex.
- (2) An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive.
- (3) An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex.
- (4) An individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex.
- (5) An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.
- (6) Any individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress.
- (7) A meritocracy is inherently racist or sexist.
- (8) The United States was created by members of a particular race or sex for the purpose of oppressing members of another race or sex.
- (9) The United States government should be violently overthrown.
- (10) Particular character traits, values, moral or ethical codes, privileges, or beliefs should be ascribed to a race or sex or to an individual because of the individual's race or sex.
- (11) The rule of law does not exist, but instead is a series of power relationships and struggles among racial or other groups.
- (12) All Americans are not created equal and are not endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- (13) Governments should deny to any person within the government's jurisdiction the equal protection of the law.

(d) Nothing in this section prevents a private contractor who provides training to State employees from responding to questions that are raised by participants in the training and which pertain to the concepts in subsection (c) of this section. However, the private contractor must make it clear that the State government employer does not endorse those concepts.

(e) This section does not apply to speech protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. (2023-62, s. 2(a).)