## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1508**

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Becker, B. Koppelman, Meier, Rohr, D. Ruby

Senators Myrdal, Wanzek

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory in public schools; and to
- 3 provide an effective date.

## 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created

6 and enacted as follows:

## 7 <u>Curriculum - Critical race theory - Prohibited.</u>

8 Each school district and public school shall ensure instruction of its curriculum is factual,

- 9 objective, and aligned to the kindergarten through grade twelve state content standards. A
- 10 school district or public school may not include instruction relating to critical race theory in any
- 11 portion of the district's required curriculum under sections 15.1-21-01 or 15.1-21-02, or any
- 12 <u>other curriculum offered by the district or school. For purposes of this section, "critical race</u>
- 13 theory" means the theory that racism is not merely the product of learned individual bias or

14 prejudice, but that racism is systemically embedded in American society and the American legal

- 15 system to facilitate racial inequality. The superintendent of public instruction may adopt rules to
- 16 govern this section.
- 17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective upon its filing with the
- 18 secretary of state.