



Stop WOKE Act - The Florida House Bill #7

S.O.S.A. supported the “Stop WOKE Act” which restricts how race is discussed in schools, colleges and workplaces.

The Florida House bill (HB7) prohibits teaching that could make students feel they bear personal responsibility for historic wrongs because of their race, color, sex or national origin. HB7 gives businesses, employees, children and families tools to stand up against discrimination and WOKE indoctrination.

Florida Commissioner of Education, Richard Corcoran stated “I am grateful that Governor DeSantis and the Florida Legislature have taken a stand against discrimination, especially against revisionist history and ideological concepts that are outside Florida’s academic standards. These dangerous concepts seek to divide Americans, rather than unite them. This legislation affirms that all students, no matter their backgrounds, should be treated as individuals with unique experiences, and that they should be afforded equal opportunities to find success and fulfillment. That’s why the Florida Department of Education is focused on ensuring our classrooms are teaching children how to think, not what to think.

Senate President, Wilton Simpson stated “every person is created equal and entitled to their dignity as an individual. This bill protects our individual freedoms and prevents discrimination in public schools and the workplace while supporting factual, educational discussions for our students.” House Speaker, Chris Sprowls stated that “Now Florida’s students and employees will be judged as individuals, by their words, character and actions, not simply by their race, sex or national origin.



Senator Manny Diaz, Jr. stated “Florida is committed to objectively teaching our students about important historical facts and events, not indoctrination.”

“Critical Race Theory takes people and segregates them against each other. Individualism is not exclusive for any race, and it is patronizing to say people have different work ethic based on their skin color,” said Christopher Rufo, Senior Fellow and Director of the Initiative on Critical Race Theory (CRT), The Manhattan Institute.” Speaking of Governor DeSantis, he also said “He stood up to the lies, he stood up to the ideology and he stood up to the big corporations because he is on your side and he’s not going to back down.”

The bill requires instruction, instructional materials, and professional development in public schools to adhere to principles of individual freedom outlined in the bill. Those principles include that no person is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive just by virtual of his or her race or sex. The hard work ethic is not racist but fundamental to pursuing success.

Schools will be required to teach factual information on topics including African American history and the Holocaust instead of subjective indoctrination that pushes collective guilt.