

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 16
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 13, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 30, 2023,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 3; March 30, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 16 By: Middleton

1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to the purpose of public institutions of higher education
 1-25 and a prohibition on compelling students enrolled at those
 1-26 institutions to adopt certain beliefs.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Education Code, is amended
 1-29 by adding Chapter 50 to read as follows:

1-30 CHAPTER 50. HIGHER EDUCATION PURPOSE

1-31 Sec. 50.001. HIGHER EDUCATION PURPOSE. A public
 1-32 institution of higher education must be committed to creating an
 1-33 environment of:

1-34 (1) intellectual inquiry and academic freedom so that
 1-35 all students are equipped for participation in the workforce and
 1-36 the betterment of society; and

1-37 (2) intellectual diversity so that all students are
 1-38 respected and educated regardless of race, sex, or ethnicity or
 1-39 social, political, or religious background or belief.

1-40 SECTION 2. Subchapter 7, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-41 amended by adding Section 51.982 to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 51.982. PROHIBITION ON COMPELLING CERTAIN
 1-43 BELIEFS. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education"
 1-44 has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1-45 (b) A faculty member of an institution of higher education
 1-46 may not compel or attempt to compel a student enrolled at the
 1-47 institution to adopt a belief that any race, sex, or ethnicity or
 1-48 social, political, or religious belief is inherently superior to
 1-49 any other race, sex, ethnicity, or belief.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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