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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Bos-Lun of Westminster, Christie of Hartford,  
Burrows of West Windsor, Black of Essex, Brady of Williston,  
Colston of Winooski, Cordes of Lincoln, Dolan of Essex, Dolan  
of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Goldman of Rockingham,  
Grad of Moretown, Houghton of Essex, Lippert of Hinesburg,  
Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Ode of  
Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibia of Dover, Small of  
Winooski, Surprenant of Barnard, Vyhovsky of Essex, White of  
Hartford, and Yacovone of Morristown

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; curriculum; antiracist certification

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an  
antiracism certification program for schools that recognize fully the history,  
contributions, and perspectives of ethnic groups and social groups, consistent  
with 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 1. This bill includes legislative findings  
regarding the impact of ethnic studies on academic and social outcomes on  
students' intellectual development. In order to meet certification requirements,  
a school would need to: 1) develop guidelines for addressing racially

1 motivated offenses with the goal of educating the offending student; 2)  
2 increase exposure to both age-appropriate literature that addresses systemic  
3 racism and Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color authors; 3) develop and  
4 implement lesson plans consistent with 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 1; 4)  
5 provide antibias and antiracist continuing education for teachers; 5) establish  
6 and support antiracism or Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color student-led  
7 groups; and 6) develop and administer a biannual survey addressing student  
8 understanding of and experience with racism. The specific certification  
9 requirements would be tailored as appropriate to elementary schools, middle  
10 schools, and high schools. Certifications would be reviewed on an annual  
11 basis.

12 An act relating to the creation of an antiracist education certification

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)