

HOUSE BILL 386

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; RESTRICTING THE USE OF "LATINX" AND
SIMILAR TERMS IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,
PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS USED WITHIN THE
CLASSROOM WHEN USED AS AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING TERM IN REFERENCE TO
PEOPLE OF HISPANIC DESCENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 21 NMSA 1978 is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] RESTRICTION OF LATINX IN POST-SECONDARY
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS USED
WITHIN THE CLASSROOM IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.--Beginning in
the 2023 fall semester and for subsequent semesters thereafter,
a post-secondary educational institution shall not allow the
term "Latinx" or "LatinX" to be used in any classroom setting

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1 when the term is used as an all-encompassing term in reference
2 to people of Hispanic descent. A post-secondary educational
3 institution shall not use or purchase any instructional
4 materials for use within a classroom containing the term
5 "Latinx" or "LatinX" when the term is used as an all-
6 encompassing term in reference to people of Hispanic descent."

7 SECTION 2. A new section of the Public School Code is
8 enacted to read:

9 "[NEW MATERIAL] RESTRICTION OF LATINX IN SCHOOLS AND
10 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS USED WITHIN THE CLASSROOM IN CERTAIN
11 CIRCUMSTANCES.--Beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, a
12 public school shall not allow the term "Latinx" or "LatinX" to
13 be used in any school setting, including after-school programs
14 offered by the school district, when the term is used as an
15 all-encompassing term in reference to people of Hispanic
16 descent. A public school shall not use or purchase any
17 instructional materials for use within a classroom containing
18 the term "Latinx" or "LatinX" when the term is used as an all-
19 encompassing term in reference to people of Hispanic descent."