

Bill Summary
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 796
Version:	INT
Request No.	1242
Author:	Sen. Pugh
Date:	01/16/2025

Bill Analysis

SB 796 prohibits institutions of higher education within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education from utilizing state funds, property, or resources to grant or support diversity, equity, and inclusion positions, programs, or activities; mandating any person to participate in or receive education or training to the extent that such education or training grants preferences based on a person's race, color, sex, ethnicity, or national origin over another's; mandating any person swear or agree to a loyalty oath that favors or prefers one race, color, sex, ethnicity, or national origin over another's; mandating any person to certify or declare agreement with any particular political, philosophical, religious, or other ideological viewpoint; mandating any applicant for employment provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement; or mandating any person to disclose their pronouns. The measure requires institutions to review diversity, equity, and inclusion positions, activities, and programs. It clarifies that the bill does not limit or prohibit an institution from applying for a grant or complying with accreditation requirements. The measure also requires institutions of higher education by July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter to submit a certificate of compliance with the bill's provisions.

Prepared by: Kalen Taylor