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## Representative Pingerelli: Hobbs' Veto Protects Instruction of Racially Divisive Curriculum in Arizona Schools

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** — State Representative Beverly Pingerelli, Chair of the House Education Committee, spoke out against Governor Hobbs' veto today of [SB 1305](#), a bill approved by the Legislature to stop the instruction of racially divisive curriculum in Arizona schools which has been finding its way into classrooms nationwide. Representative Pingerelli authored mirror legislation, [HB 2458](#).

**“Governor Hobbs’ veto sends a disturbing message that she is willing to allow racially divisive curriculum to be intentionally taught in Arizona classrooms,”** said Representative Pingerelli. **“This sort of ugly, prejudicial ideology presents a distorted and destructive history and worldview that exacerbates racial tension and anxiety within our children and society. Whether it’s promoted in the classroom, or through programs from companies such as [Disney](#), it’s wrong, and it must end.”**

The curriculum in contention, derived from what is commonly referred to as critical race theory (CRT), and found in diversity, equity, & inclusion (DEI) programs, promotes racially divisive concepts such as, judging an individual on the basis of their race, that one race is inherently morally or intellectually superior, or that a person is inherently racist or oppressive just because of their race or ethnicity.

The legislation vetoed by Governor Hobbs would have prohibited the promoting or advocating of these concepts in Arizona schools. Advocates of this ideology try to claim that it’s not taught in schools or mischaracterize the legislation, saying it prohibits or penalizes teachers from teaching history. But parents, students, and even teachers know better, and [example](#) after [example](#) supports them.

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