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Combating Racist Training in the Military Act of 2023

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1228	Identical bill	Feb 28, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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This bill prohibits the Armed Forces and academic institutions of the Department of Defense from promoting specified anti-American and racist theories (e.g., that any race is inherently superior or inferior to any other race).

Specifically, the bill prohibits

- including anti-American and racist theories or materials in curricula, reading lists, seminars, workshops, trainings, or other educational or professional settings in a manner that could appear as sponsorship, approval, or endorsement;
- contracting with, hiring, or otherwise engaging speakers, consultants, diversity trainers, and other persons for the purpose of advocating anti-American and racist theories;
- compelling members of the Armed Forces to affirm or profess belief in anti-American and racist theories; and
- segregating members of the Armed Forces by race in any setting, including educational and training sessions.

Actions Timeline

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