

SENATE BILL NO. 994

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WASHINGTON.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapters 160 and 213, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to discriminatory practices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 160 and 213, RSMo, are amended by
2 adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 160.082
3 and 213.012, to read as follows:

**160.082. 1. For purposes of this section, the
2 following terms mean:**

3 (1) "Educational institution", any public or private
4 prekindergarten program, public or private elementary or
5 secondary school, or public or private school board or other
6 school administrative body;

7 (2) "Protective hairstyles" includes, but is not
8 limited to, such hairstyles as braids, locks, and twists;

9 (3) "Race" includes, but is not limited to, traits
10 historically associated with race including, but not limited
11 to, hair texture and protective hairstyles. "Race" includes
12 a perception that a person is associated with another person
13 who has, or is perceived to have, any qualities relating to
14 race;

15 (4) "State financial assistance", any funds or other
16 form of financial aid appropriated or authorized under the
17 laws of this state, or under any federal law administered by
18 any state agency, for the purpose of providing assistance to

19 any educational institution for its own benefit or for the
20 benefit of any pupils admitted to the educational
21 institution. "State financial assistance" includes, but is
22 not limited to, all of the following:

23 (a) Grants of state property, or any interest therein;
24 (b) Provision of the services of state personnel; and
25 (c) Funds provided by contract, tax rebate,
26 appropriation, allocation, or formula;

27 (5) "State student financial aid", any funds or other
28 form of financial aid appropriated or authorized under the
29 laws of this state, or under any federal law administered by
30 any state agency, for the purpose of providing assistance
31 directly to any student admitted to an educational
32 institution. "State student financial aid" includes, but is
33 not limited to, scholarships, loans, grants, or wages.

34 2. No person shall be discriminated against on the
35 basis of race in any program or activity conducted by an
36 educational institution that receives or benefits from state
37 financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state
38 student financial aid.

39 3. The provisions of subsection 2 of this section
40 shall not apply to an educational institution that is
41 controlled by a religious organization if the application
42 would not be consistent with the religious tenets of that
43 organization.

213.012. As used in this chapter, the term "race"
2 includes traits historically associated with race including,
3 but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles.
4 The term "protective hairstyles" includes, but is not
5 limited to, such hairstyles as braids, locks, twists, and
6 afros.

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