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Bill Analysis

SB 935 creates the Stop the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees (Stop W.O.K.E.) Act. It creates definitions under current law regarding a prohibition on instruction in certain topics related to race and gender. The measure prohibits a teacher, administrator, or other school district, charter school, or virtual charter school employees from requiring or making part of a course certain concepts related to the violent overthrow of the U.S. government; that this state or the United States is fundamentally or irredeemably racist or sexist; that division or resentment of a race, sex, religion, creed, nonviolent political affiliation, social class, or class should be promoted; that certain character traits, values, or morals can be ascribed to race or sex; the rule of law does not exist; all Americans are not created equal; or that governments should deny to any person equal protection of the law. The measure prohibits a public school from including as part of a course or curriculum certain materials that endorse, favor, respect, or promote critical race theory. It provides for enforcement. It allows a civil action against a school for violating certain provisions. The bill requires a school official, officer, or employee who knowingly violates the bill's provisions to be dismissed from office or terminated from employment. It states that a public school official who violates the bill's provisions may be declared in violation of their oath of office. It states that a public school cannot discriminate against any person for believing in or failing to believe in the plausibility of critical race theory. It creates a cause of action for a student or teacher who experiences discrimination.

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