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Statement from Senator Borris L. Miles on Voting Against SB 16 – Critical Race Theory Bill

"SB 16 was portrayed as a critical race theory bill for college campuses. It's worse. It's a broad attack on the freedom of speech on college campuses.

"Our higher education institutions should be the place where young adults are able to have open discussions and learn about our history, the whole history. College professors should be free to challenge their students, and students should have the opportunity to listen to different viewpoints.

"I voted against SB 16 because dictating what can be taught on a college campus is a step too far. It stifles our universities' ability to fully educate students and a mere accusation can put a professor's job at risk.

"SB 16 takes us on a slippery slope to roll back the hands of time and hide the dark parts of our history. We learn about history so that we do not make the same mistakes of the past."

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