

Bill HB1446 is a prime example of government overreach. It is not only unnecessary, but goes against principles of academic freedom and assigns authoritarian powers to University Presidents. The bill displays a disappointing understanding of how faculty get tenure, and the fact that faculty performance is reviewed periodically post-tenure. There are systems of checks and balances built into the University, and even tenured faculty who do not perform adequately post tenure (or show evidence of malpractice) are removed after due process. While there may be issues in the implementation of policy by specific Universities, the recourse should be to find a way to enforce pre-existing policies that have long-standing, wide-spread acceptance in the US and developed societies around the world, rather than make arbitrary laws that will essentially subvert academic freedom.