

**ELLIOTT-LARSEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 453 of 1976**

**37.2402a Designation of racial or ethnic classification in writing developed by educational institution; transmission of information to federal agency; "writing" defined.**

Sec. 402a.

(1) An educational institution shall do both of the following if that educational institution lists racial or ethnic classifications in a writing developed or printed 90 or more days after the effective date of this section, and if that educational institution requests that an individual select 1 of those classifications to designate his or her race or ethnicity:

(a) Include in the writing the term "multiracial" as a classification, and a definition of that term that substantially provides that "multiracial" means having parents of different races.

(b) Exclude from the writing the term "other" as a classification.

(2) If a federal agency requires an educational institution to transmit information obtained from an individual pursuant to a writing described in subsection (1), but rejects the classification "multiracial", the educational institution shall redesignate the individuals identified as multiracial by allocating those individuals to racial or ethnic classifications approved by the federal agency in the same ratio that those classifications occur within the general population of the group from which the information was solicited.

(3) As used in this section, "writing" means that term as defined in section 2 of the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 15.232 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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