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SB 1182: commerce authority; reports; career landscape
S/E: prohibition; certain affiliations; banks
Sponsor: Senator Gowan, LD 14
Committee on Government & Elections

## Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to SB 1182

### Overview

Prohibits banks from discriminating against people based on certain affiliations or values.

### History

A financial institution is defined as a: 1) bank; 2) trust company; 3) savings and loan association; 4) credit union; 5) consumer lender; 6) international banking facility; or 7) financial institution holding company under the jurisdiction of the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions (A.R.S. § 6-101).

Under the federal <u>Equal Credit Opportunity Act</u> it is unlawful for creditors to deny credit to credit applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status or age.

#### **Provisions**

- Prohibits financial institutions doing business in Arizona from discriminating against people based on political affiliation and other social credit, environmental, social, governance or similar values-based or impact criteria. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Allows a financial institution to offer investments or services that include subjective standards if the standards are explained and disclosed before a potential customer enters into a contract for the services. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Stipulates that a financial institution may still discontinue or refuse to conduct business with a person when the action is necessary for the physical safety of the financial institution's employees. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Asserts that the Legislature declares:
  - a) The practice of discrimination against people or entities by using their social credit or environmental, social justice and governmental score is a matter of statewide concern; and
  - That discrimination based on such scores not only threatens the rights and proper privileges of Arizona's inhabitants but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state. (Sec. 1)
- 5. Requires the State Treasurer to post a list of state investments by name, and a list of investment managers, on their website. (Sec. 2)
- 6. Directs any investment manager to attest in writing, and the State Treasurer to certify, that the manager does not hold any environmental, social or governance-related investments. (Sec. 2)

- 7. Requires state investments to be made in the sole interest of the beneficiary taxpayer. (Sec. 2)
- 8. Prohibits the State Treasurer from taking unnecessary investment risks or promote nonpecuniary benefits. (Sec. 2)
- 9. Asserts the State Treasurer's evaluation of an investment must be based on pecuniary factors. (Sec. 2)
- 10. Prohibits a person from voting the shares of any company with funds from a plan or group of plans unless authorized by the State Treasurer. (Sec. 2)

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