

HOUSE BILL 923

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the "Dismantling DEI Departments Act."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act is known and may be cited as the "Dismantling DEI Departments Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A department, agency, or other unit of state government shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. All mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A county government shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. All mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A municipal government shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. All mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A metropolitan government shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. All mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A public institution of higher education in this state shall not maintain or authorize an office or department that promotes or requires discriminatory preferences in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion. All mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or other declarations by such office or department are void.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.