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SENATE BILL 1153

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8;
RELATING TO RIGHTS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 14, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding article 8, to read:

4 ARTICLE 8. RIGHTS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

5 15-1881. Definitions

6 IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 1. "PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION":

8 (a) MEANS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401 AND ANY
9 UNIVERSITY GOVERNED BY CHAPTER 13 OF THIS TITLE.

10 (b) INCLUDES ANY STUDENT GOVERNMENT BODY THAT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY A
11 PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION.

12 2. "RECOGNITION" MEANS ANY OFFICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT
13 OF A STUDENT ORGANIZATION THAT IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION IS GRANTED
14 ACCESS, RIGHTS, BENEFITS OR PRIVILEGES THAT A PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY
15 INSTITUTION MAKES AVAILABLE TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

16 3. "STUDENT ORGANIZATION" MEANS A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED FOR
17 A NONCURRICULAR PURPOSE BY STUDENTS ATTENDING A PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY
18 INSTITUTION.

19 15-1882. Rights of student organizations at public
20 postsecondary institutions

21 A. A PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION SHALL NOT DENY RECOGNITION,
22 ACCESS, RIGHTS, BENEFITS OR PRIVILEGES TO A STUDENT ORGANIZATION ON THE BASIS
23 THAT THE ORGANIZATION ADVOCATES RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL OR PHILOSOPHICAL BELIEFS
24 OR LIMITS ITS MEMBERSHIP OR LEADERSHIP TO STUDENTS WHO SHARE THE SAME
25 RELIGIOUS, POLITICAL OR PHILOSOPHICAL BELIEFS.

26 B. THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC
27 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION TO:

28 1. RECOGNIZE AN ORGANIZATION THAT ENGAGES IN DISCRIMINATION ON THE
29 BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, CITIZENSHIP, AGE, VETERAN STATUS
30 OR DISABILITY.

31 2. RECOGNIZE AN ORGANIZATION THAT DISSEMINATES MESSAGES OR MATERIALS
32 THAT ARE OBSCENE, DEFAMATORY, FRAUDULENT OR COMPRISE FIGHTING WORDS.

33 Sec. 2. Short title

34 Title 15, chapter 14, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by
35 this act, may be cited as the "Associational Freedom in Higher Learning Act".