ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2453

governmental entities; mask requirements; prohibition

Purpose

Prohibits the state or any political subdivision, including the judiciary, that receives or uses tax revenue (governmental entity) from imposing any requirement to wear a mask or face covering on the governmental entity's premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

Background

An Arizona business is not required to enforce a state, municipal, county or other jurisdictional mask mandate on its patrons (A.R.S. 44-7951).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Prohibits a governmental entity from imposing any requirement to wear a mask or face covering on the governmental entity's premises, except where long-standing workplace safety and infection control measures that are unrelated to COVID-19 may be required.

2. Exempts a special healthcare district from the prohibition on requiring a mask or face covering.

3. Defines governmental entity.

4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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