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higher education; withholding state monies

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SENATE BILL 1694

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9.2; RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.

(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
3 amended by adding article 9.2, to read:

4 ARTICLE 9.2. HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

5 15-1893. Instruction on diversity, equity and inclusion;
6 withholding state monies; definitions

7 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN
8 THIS STATE IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE MONIES IN ANY FISCAL YEAR IN
9 WHICH THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OFFERS ONE OR MORE COURSES ON
10 DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

11 B. THE STATE TREASURER, THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT DISTRIBUTE STATE MONIES TO ANY HIGHER
13 EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN A FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE HIGHER EDUCATION
14 INSTITUTION OFFERS ONE OR MORE COURSES ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

15 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

16 1. "COURSE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION":

17 (a) MEANS ANY COURSE THAT INCLUDES MATERIALS OR INSTRUCTION IN THE
18 COURSE DESCRIPTION, OVERVIEW, OBJECTIVES, PROPOSED STUDENT LEARNING
19 OUTCOMES, EXAMINATIONS OR GRADED ASSIGNMENTS THAT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (i) RELATE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY TO CRITICAL THEORY,
21 WHITENESS, SYSTEMIC RACISM, INSTITUTIONAL RACISM, ANTI-RACISM,
22 MICROAGGRESSIONS, SYSTEMIC BIAS, IMPLICIT BIAS, UNCONSCIOUS BIAS,
23 INTERSECTIONALITY, GENDER IDENTITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, CULTURAL COMPETENCE,
24 ALLYSHIP, RACE-BASED REPARATIONS, RACE-BASED PRIVILEGE, RACE-BASED
25 DIVERSITY, GENDER-BASED DIVERSITY, RACE-BASED EQUITY, GENDER-BASED EQUITY,
26 RACE-BASED INCLUSION OR GENDER-BASED INCLUSION.

27 (ii) PROMOTE THE IDEA THAT RACIALLY NEUTRAL OR COLORBLIND LAWS,
28 POLICIES OR INSTITUTIONS PERPETUATE OPPRESSION, INJUSTICE, RACE-BASED
29 PRIVILEGE, INCLUDING WHITE SUPREMACY AND WHITE PRIVILEGE, OR INEQUITY BY
30 FAILING TO ACTIVELY DIFFERENTIATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, SEX OR GENDER.

31 (iii) PROMOTE THE DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP
32 OF INDIVIDUALS BASED ON RACE OR ETHNICITY IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN
33 SOCIETY.

34 (iv) PROMOTE THE IDEA THAT A STUDENT IS BIASED ON ACCOUNT OF THE
35 STUDENT'S RACE OR SEX.

36 (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE A COURSE THAT IDENTIFIES OR DISCUSSES
37 HISTORICAL MOVEMENTS, IDEOLOGIES OR INSTANCES OF RACIAL HATRED OR
38 RACE-BASED DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING SLAVERY, INDIAN REMOVAL, THE
39 HOLOCAUST AND JAPANESE-AMERICAN INTERNMENT IN THE COURSE MATERIALS OR
40 INSTRUCTION UNLESS THE MATERIALS OR INSTRUCTION DO ONE OR MORE OF THE
41 ACTIVITIES LISTED IN SUBDIVISION (a) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

42 2. "HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION" INCLUDES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

43 (a) A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
44 REGENTS.

45 (b) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401.