ARKANSAS SENATE 95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025 Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 520

TO PROHIBIT DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OFFICES, OFFICERS, POLICIES, OR PRACTICES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 520

Amend Senate Bill 520 as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 11 through 29, and substitute the following:
 "(e)(1) A citizen of Arkansas that believes a violation or potential
 violation of this section by a local government has occurred shall notify the
 local government of the violation.

(2) Upon notification under subdivision (e)(1) of this section, the local government shall resolve the violation within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice.

(3)(A) If the local government does not cease the conduct in violation of this section within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice, a citizen of Arkansas may bring a civil action in circuit court to:

(i) Enjoin a violation of this section; and

(ii) Recover reasonable court costs and attorney's

fees.

(B) If the court finds that a violation has occurred in an action brought under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section, the court shall award:

(i) Injunctive relief; and

(ii) Court costs and attorney's fees."

AND

 Page 3, line 32, delete "<u>initiative;</u>" and substitute "<u>initiative; or</u>"

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AND

Page 3, delete lines 33 through 35

AND

Page 3, line 36, delete "(3)" and substitute "(2)"

AND

Page 4, delete line 7, and substitute the following" "civil rights laws or any agreement related to the receipt of state or federal funding."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and By: Senator D. Sullivan SSS/SSS - 04-04-2025 02:33:55 SSS331

Secretary