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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 56

5 By: Senator Hill  
6 By: Representative Wardlaw  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF SOCIAL CREDIT SCORES  
10 BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL JUSTICE, OR GOVERNANCE  
11 SCORES OR METRICS; TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY FROM  
12 ENGAGING IN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON THE USE OF A  
13 SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO REGULATE THE USE OF SOCIAL CREDIT  
17 SCORES BASED ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL  
18 JUSTICE, OR GOVERNANCE SCORES OR METRICS;  
19 AND TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY FROM  
20 ENGAGING IN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON THE  
21 USE OF A SOCIAL CREDIT SYSTEM.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, is amended to add an  
28 additional subchapter to read as follows:

29 Subchapter 10 – Environmental, Social Justice, or Governance Scores or  
30 Metrics

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32 25-1-1001. Legislative intent.

33 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

34 (1) The fossil fuel, firearm, and ammunition industries:

35 (A) Produce consumer-ready resources;

36 (B) Create thousands of jobs for Arkansas' workforce; and



1                   (C) Remain committed to the safety of Arkansas communities  
2 and the preservation of the environment;

3                   (2) The fossil fuel, firearm, and ammunition industries have  
4 been discriminated against at the national level;

5                   (3) In order to be successful in the fossil fuel, firearm, and  
6 ammunition industries, these businesses rely on the provision of Arkansas  
7 goods and services;

8                   (4) Federal and state regulators are using their regulatory  
9 power over the banking and financial systems to drive political agendas which  
10 distort limited government, free market, and free speech principles;

11                   (5) Rulemaking, regardless of asset thresholds, has a real risk  
12 of impacting smaller financial institutions; and

13                   (6) Certain states are interfering in the free market by  
14 encouraging or discouraging lending to politically favored or disfavored  
15 industries to the detriment of taxpayers.

16                   (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that a state agency shall  
17 refrain from enacting rules or issuing guidance that restricts the ability of  
18 a business in this state to offer products or services to the fossil fuel,  
19 firearm, or ammunition industries.

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21                   25-1-1002. Social credit score or other environmental, social justice,  
22 or governance score or metric – Prohibited use – Definition.

23                   (a) As used in this section, "state agency" means an office, board,  
24 commission, department, council, bureau, governmental entity, or other agency  
25 of state government having authority to promulgate or enforce rules.

26                   (b) A state agency shall not share information, adopt laws, promulgate  
27 rules, or issue guidance that restricts the ability of a business to offer  
28 products or services to the fossil fuel industry, firearm manufacturer and  
29 retailers of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition for purposes of a  
30 social credit system.

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