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30	subcontract, cooperative agreement, bond issue, license,
31	certification, or other similar opportunity, position, or
32	status; or
33	4. Withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, deny, or otherwise
34	make unavailable to a business entity access or an entitlement
35	to property, facilities, speech forums, including traditional,
36	limited, and nonpublic forums, or charitable fundraising
37	campaigns.
38	(c) "Governmental entity" means any branch, department,
39	agency, commission, or instrumentality of state government or
40	any political subdivision of the state and any official or other
41	person acting under color of state law.
42	(2) A governmental entity shall not take discriminatory
43	action against a business entity:
44	(a) On the basis of the internal policies of the business
45	entity, including, but not limited to, personnel and employee
46	benefit policies that are in compliance with state law.
47	(b) Because of the business entity's exercise of a right
48	guaranteed under the state or federal constitutions, including,
49	but not limited to, the rights of freedom of expression and free
50	exercise of religion.
51	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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