



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 251: Various Disaster Recovery Reforms, Secs. 2 and 3: Nondiscrimination in State Disaster Recovery Assistance

Analysis of: S.L. 2025-18, Secs. 2 and 3

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Sections 2 and 3 of S.L. 2025-18 (House Bill 251) make it a Class I felony for the State, or its agencies and employees, to deny or discriminate against a United States citizen, United States national, or qualified alien for disaster recovery assistance based on political affiliation or political speech. These sections also prohibit the State from requiring any applicant for any State emergency assistance in the form of grants to provide any personal demographic information unless that information is necessary to award the grant or to otherwise comply with State or federal law.

The portion of the act creating a Class I felony becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date. Section 3 became effective June 26, 2025.

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