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An Act relating to the Incorporation of the Phrases Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in KRS 344.020

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The Kentucky Civil Rights Act currently makes it unlawful to discriminate against people in the areas of employment, financial transactions, housing, and public accommodations due to race, color, religion, gender, disability, or smoking status; however, this act does not protect the inherent qualities of sexual orientation and gender identity. Since these characteristics have been the basis for recent discriminatory bills and court cases, it has become necessary to include these phrases to ensure equal protection of all Kentucky citizens. Sec. 2 KRS 344.020 is amended to read as follows:

Section 2: KRS 344.020 is amended to read as follows: (b) To safeguard all individuals within the state from discrimination because of familial status, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age forty (40) and over, sexual orientation, gender identity, or because of the person's status as a qualified individual with a disability as defined in KRS 344.010 and KRS 344.030; thereby to protect their interest in personal dignity and freedom from humiliation, to make available to the state their full productive capacities, to secure the state against domestic strife and unrest which would menace its democratic institutions, to preserve the public safety, health, and general welfare, and to further the interest, rights, and privileges of individuals within the state.

Section 3: KRS 164.348 is amended to read as follows: No recognized religious or political student organization is hindered or discriminated against in the ordering of its internal affairs, defining of doctrines and principles, and resolving of organizational disputes in the furtherance of its mission, or in its determination that only persons committed to its mission should conduct such activities;

Section 4: This bill will retain the penalties in KRS 344.990: A person who willfully engages in the practices declared unlawful by subsection (6) of KRS 344.250 and 344.280 is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

Section 5: After passage, this bill will go into effect 180 days after passage to guarantee dedicated time to businesses for adjustment.