1-1	By: Hughes S.B. No. 946
1-2	(In the Senate - Filed January 27, 2025; February 13, 2025,
1-3 1-4	read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 5, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-4	Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1; May 5, 2025, sent
1-6	to printer.)
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1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE
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1-8 1-9	Yea Nay Absent PNV Hughes X
1-10	Paxton X
1-11	Bettencourt X
1-12	Birdwell X
1-13	Hall X
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces X
1-15	Middleton X
1-16	Parker X
1-17	Perry X
1-18	Schwertner X
1-19	Zaffirini X
1-20	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 946 By: Hughes
1-21	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22	AN ACT
1-23	relating to the prohibition on certain discrimination in the
1-24	extension of credit to organizations based on social credit or
1-25	value-based standards.
1-26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-27	SECTION 1. Section 341.401, Finance Code, is amended by
1-28	amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to
1-29	read as follows:
1-30	(a) In this section, "organization" has the meaning
1-31 1-32	assigned by Section 1.002, Business Organizations Code. (a-1) An authorized lender or other person involved in a
1-33	transaction subject to this title may not deny to an individual who
1-34	has the capacity to contract an extension of credit, including a
1-35	loan, in the individual's name or restrict or limit the credit
1-36	extended:
1-37	(1) because of sex, race, color, religion, national
1-38	origin, marital status, or age;
1-39	(2) because all or part of the individual's income
1-40	derives from a public assistance program in the form of social
1-41 1-42	security or supplemental security income; or
1-42 1-43	(3) because the individual has in good faith exercised a right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act (15 U.S.C. Section
1-43	1601 et seq.; 18 U.S.C. Section 891 et seq.).
1-45	(a-2) Except as expressly required by other law, an
1-46	authorized lender or other person involved in a transaction subject
1-47	to this title may not deny to an organization an extension of
1-48	credit, including a loan, in the organization's name or restrict or
1-49	limit the credit extended for any reason not based on a bona fide
1-50	credit decision or the organization's failure to meet quantitative,
1-51	impartial standards established by the lender for assessing
1-52	financial risk, including the organization's:
1-53	(1) social credit score or an environmental, social,
1 <b>-</b> 54 1 <b>-</b> 55	or governance score that is derived from subjective or value-based standards;
1-55 1 <b>-</b> 56	(2) standards or practices pertaining to diversity,
1-57	equity, or inclusion; or
1-58	(3) contracts in, services given to, or association
1-59	with a particular religious institution or legal industry,
1-60	including agriculture, fossil fuels, firearms, or free-speech

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<u>media platforms.</u> SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025. 2-2 2-3 2-4 2-5 2-6

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