

## State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 722

December 6, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives Armstrong, Behnke, Bodden, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Murphy, O'Connor and Rettinger, cosponsored by Senators Jacque and Tomczyk. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

- AN ACT to create 20.933 of the statutes; relating to: prohibited considerations
- 2 in awarding state or local financial assistance.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, no state agency or local governmental unit may do any of the following in awarding a grant or loan or other financial assistance to any person:

- 1. Discriminate against the person based on the person's participation in production agriculture or the exploration, production, use, transport, sale, or manufacture of fossil fuel-based energy.
- 2. Consider social and governance criteria; diversity, equity, and inclusion policies; or political and ideological factors.

The bill does not apply to the State of Wisconsin Investment Board or any assets under its management.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **Section 1.** 20.933 of the statutes is created to read:
- 4 20.933 Prohibited considerations in awarding financial assistance. (1)
- 5 Definitions. In this section:

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(a) "Covered activity" means any of the following:

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1	1. Production agriculture.
2	2. The exploration, production, use, transport, sale, or manufacture of fossil
3	fuel-based energy.
4	(b) "Local governmental unit" has the meaning given in s. $66.0135$ (1) (c).
5	(c) "Prohibited basis" means any of the following:
6	1. Social and governance criteria.
7	2. Diversity, equity, and inclusion policies.
8	3. Political and ideological factors.
9	(2) Prohibition. (a) Except as expressly provided by statute, no state agency
10	or local governmental unit may do any of the following in awarding a grant or loan
11	or other financial assistance to any person:
12	1. Discriminate against the person on the basis of the person's participation in
13	a covered activity.
14	2. Consider a prohibited basis.
15	(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to the investment board or any assets under

(END)