ASRS INITIATIVES

SB1082 ASRS; Employer Contributions; Prepayments (Sponsor: Livingston) – PASSED & SIGNED
Adopts statutory language to allow Employers to prepay contributions.
Effective Date: June 28, 2022

SB1083 ASRS; Modifications (Sponsor: Livingston) – PASSED & SIGNED
Amend various statutes throughout A.R.S. § 38-711 et seq. in order to update antiquated language in the statutes, remove unnecessary language, and provide better clarity regarding ASRS processes.
Effective Date: September 24, 2022

BILLS IMPACTING ASRS

SB1145 ABOR; Optional Retirement Programs (Sponsor: Petersen) – FAILED
Makes changes to A.R.S. § 15-1628 to allow new University employees to elect to participate in the University Optional Retirement Plan.

SB1161 Prescription Drug Coverage; Steering Prohibition (Sponsor: Barto) – FAILED
Prohibited a pharmacy benefit manager from steering or directing a patient to use the pharmacy benefit manager’s affiliated provider.

SB1670 State Agencies; Tribal Liaison (Sponsor: Gonzales) – FAILED
Required each state agency to employ a tribal liaison to facilitate communications between the state agency and tribal communities in Arizona.

HB2070 Open Meetings; Capacity; Posting; Violation (Sponsor: Kavanagh) – FAILED
Required public bodies to provide sufficient seating for reasonably anticipated attendance of persons at public meetings and required the agenda to list the time that attendees would have physical access to the meeting place. Created a civil penalty for any head of a public body that violated those provisions.

HB2145 Governmental Entities; Ransomware payment: Prohibition (Sponsor: Bolick) – FAILED
Prohibited the state or a political subdivision of the state from making payments to remove or decrypt ransomware and required immediate notice to the Director of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security of a ransomware attack.

HB2146 Data Security Breach; Notification (Sponsor: Bolick) – PASSED & SIGNED
Makes changes to A.R.S. § 18-552 to require data breaches to be reported to the Director of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security in addition to the Attorney General.
Effective Date: September 24, 2022

HB2147 State Agencies; Veterans Status; Inquiry (Sponsor: Andrade) – FAILED
Required all state agencies to ask each individual at the initial point of service whether they or a family member ever served in the military and to provide contact information for Department of Veterans’ Services and the Be Connected Program if they answered affirmatively.
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HB2371 COVID Vaccine Mandates; Prohibition (Sponsor: Bolick) – PASSED & SIGNED
Prohibits a governmental entity from requiring any type of COVID vaccine for minors without parental consent. Governmental entity is defined as the state or a political subdivision of the state that receives and uses tax revenues.
Effective Date: September 24, 2022

HB2412 Open Meetings; Digital Recordings (Sponsor: Parker) – FAILED
Required public bodies subject to open meeting laws to provide written minutes and an audio or audiovisual recording of all public meetings.

HB2453 Governmental Entities; Mask Requirement; Prohibition (Sponsor: Carter) – PASSED & SIGNED
Prohibits a governmental entity from imposing mask or face covering requirements anywhere on the governmental entity’s premises unless it is part of a long-standing workplace safety and infection control measure unrelated to COVID. Governmental entity is defined as the state or a political subdivision of the state that receives and uses tax revenues.
Effective Date: September 24, 2022

HB2473 Firearms; Contracts; Prohibited Practices (Sponsor: Carroll) – FAILED
Prohibited a public entity from entering into a contract with a company unless the contract included certification that the company does not and will not discriminate against a firearm entity.

HB2488 Uyghurs; Forced Labor; Contracts; Prohibition (Sponsor: Biasiucci) – PASSED & SIGNED
Prohibits a public entity from entering into or renewing contracts with a company unless the contract includes certification that the company does not and will not use the forced labor, the goods and services produced by forced labor, or any contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers that use the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs. Governmental entity is defined as the state or a political subdivision of the state that receives and uses tax revenues.
Effective Date: September 24, 2022

HB2587 Public Records; Point of Contact (Sponsor: Grantham) – PASSED & SIGNED
Requires an entity that is subject to public records requests to provide the name and contact information of an employee or department that is authorized and able to provide the information requested or able to forward the public records request to an employee or department that is authorized and able to provide the requested information.
Effective Date: September 24, 2022

HB2599 Administrative Hearings; GRRC (Sponsor: Grantham) – PASSED & SIGNED
Codifies the rulemaking Moratorium requirements contained in Executive Order 2022-02 and requires additional information to be provided in a notice of an appealable agency action.
Effective Date: September 24, 2022

HB2870/SB1737 Budget; Public Retirement Systems; 2022-2023 (Sponsor: Cobb/Fann) – FAILED
Required the state retirement systems to adopt policies for routine “stress testing” and submit an annual investment report to the Governor and the Legislature.

*Please note that more detailed information about this legislation and more can be found on the ASRS website in the ASRS Bill Tracker. Additional information on legislation is also available on the Legislature website at https://www.azleg.gov/.