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On August 18, 2022, the US District Court for the Northern District of Florida temporarily blocked enforcement of the Individual Freedom Act (IFA), also known as the Stop the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees (WOKE) Act, against employers by the Florida Commission on Human Relations and the Florida attorney general. We reported on the IFA's broad scope in a previous client alert.

In the matter of <u>Honeyfund.com Inc. v. Ron DeSantis, et al.</u>, No. 4:22-cv-00227 (N.D. Fla. Aug. 18, 2022), the court ruled that the IFA violates the First Amendment because it is not sufficiently narrowly tailored and is "impermissibly vague" as to violate the due process clause of the 14th Amendment. The court also denied a stay of the injunction pending a likely appeal by the state, so the injunction remains in place for the foreseeable future. However, employers should be aware that the injunction does not prohibit individuals, such as purportedly aggrieved employees, from bringing a private cause of action.

Cooley will continue to follow updates to the IFA. If you have any questions about the IFA, please reach out to a member of the Cooley employment team.

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