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LaFleur (SB 426)

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "purchaser", "residential real estate", "federally related mortgage loan", and "settlement services".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no contract to sell or purchase residential real estate executed in this state shall contain any provision requiring the purchaser of such residential property, as a condition of such sale, to use a specific provider of settlement services.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no person shall deprive, impair, diminish, or otherwise limit the access of a purchaser of residential real estate to any service, discount, rebate, or other economic incentive by making such access contingent on that purchaser's use of a specific provider of settlement services.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no person shall impose upon a purchaser of residential real estate an economic disincentive or penalty based on the failure or refusal of such purchaser to use a specific provider of settlement services.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that any violation of <u>proposed law</u> shall be a deceptive and unfair trade practice and shall subject the violator to any and all penalties provided for in law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 51:1428)