

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 352

5 By: Senators Stone, Gilmore, *Hester, B. Johnson, B. Davis, M. McKee, J. Dotson, J. Boyd*  
6 By: Representative Beaty Jr.  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANTISEMITISM IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY  
10 AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; TO PROHIBIT ANTISEMITISM IN  
11 STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS; AND TO  
17 PROHIBIT ANTISEMITISM IN STATE-SUPPORTED  
18 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, is amended to add an  
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:

25 Subchapter 20 – Prohibition Against Antisemitism in Public Elementary and  
26 Secondary Schools  
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28 6-16-2001. Legislative findings and intent.

29 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

30 (1) A historic rise in antisemitic violence, harassment, and  
31 discrimination has occurred at kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)  
32 schools across the United States, targeting Jewish students;

33 (2) In April 2024, the Director of the Federal Bureau of  
34 Investigation found that the number of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
35 investigations into antisemitic hate crimes tripled in the months after  
36 October 7, 2023;



1 (3) According to a recent Gallup poll, eighty-one percent (81%)  
2 of Americans now see antisemitism as either a "very serious" or "somewhat  
3 serious" problem, up from fifty-seven percent (57%) two (2) decades ago;

4 (4) Acts of antisemitism on kindergarten through grade twelve  
5 (K-12) school campuses undermine the educational and social fabric of our  
6 educational institutions; and

7 (5) Promoting understanding, tolerance, and respect for all  
8 students and school employees is imperative.

9 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to require all  
10 kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) schools to address and prohibit  
11 antisemitic discrimination at kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)  
12 schools in the same manner kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) schools  
13 would address and prohibit any other form of discrimination prohibited by  
14 law, including without limitation discrimination on the basis of race.

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16 6-16-2002. Definitions.

17 As used in this section:

18 (1) "Antisemitism" means the same as defined by the  
19 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in its working definition of  
20 antisemitism, including its contemporary examples, as it was adopted on May  
21 26, 2016;

22 (2) "Institution of higher education" means a public two-year or  
23 four-year institution of higher education; and

24 (3) "School" means a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12):

25 (A) Public school or public school district; or

26 (B) Open-enrollment public charter school.

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28 6-16-2003. Requirements.

29 (a) Each school shall treat harassment or discrimination that is  
30 motivated by or includes antisemitic intent by a student or school employee  
31 or is a result of school policies or programs on the school campus in the  
32 same manner as any other form of discrimination prohibited by state or  
33 federal law.

34 (b) Each school district board of directors shall adopt policies that  
35 include:

36 (1) The definition of antisemitism under this subchapter; and

1           (2) Prohibited conduct as it specifically relates to  
2 antisemitism, which shall include:

3                   (A) Harassment and discrimination against Jews in  
4 compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352,  
5 as it existed on January 1, 2025;

6                   (B) Antidiscrimination regulations provided by the United  
7 States Department of Education and the United States Department of Justice;  
8 and

9                   (C) Relevant state-level antidiscrimination laws.

10       (c) Each school is encouraged to:

11                   (1) Incorporate antisemitism awareness training into any  
12 required anti-bias training for all students, school employees, school  
13 administrators, and school campus police; and

14                   (2) Integrate Jewish-American heritage curriculum for students  
15 that incorporates Jewish experiences in the United States pre- and post-  
16 American Revolution, pre- and post-World War II and the Holocaust, and in  
17 modern times.

18       (d) Each school shall place reasonable time, place, and manner  
19 restrictions on speech to ensure order and protect the rights of all  
20 students.

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22       6-16-2004. Monitoring requirement.

23       (a)(1) The Department of Education shall designate a Title VI  
24 Coordinator who shall monitor all complaints of discrimination and  
25 harassment, including without limitation antisemitic discrimination and  
26 harassment, at schools and institutions of higher education.

27       (2) The individual designated by the department as a Title VI  
28 Coordinator under subdivision (a)(1) of this section may be a current  
29 employee of the department.

30       (b) Each school and institution of higher education shall formally  
31 report an incident or complaint of discrimination or harassment under this  
32 subchapter to the Title VI Coordinator.

33       (c) The Title VI Coordinator established under this section shall:

34                   (1) Establish, maintain, and publicize a formal reporting  
35 process whereby the following individuals may submit a complaint of  
36 discrimination or harassment:

1 (A) All students, parents, legal guardians, and persons  
2 standing in loco parentis to students, and school employees can submit a  
3 complaint of *discrimination* or harassment;

4 (B) All students enrolled in an institution of higher  
5 education; and

6 (C) All faculty and staff employed by an institution of  
7 higher education.

8 (2)(A) Thoroughly investigate a complaint received under this  
9 section.

10 (B)(i) If the Title VI Coordinator, after reasonable  
11 investigation, determines that a school or an institution of higher education  
12 has engaged in, allowed, or not taken the necessary action in response to  
13 antisemitic discrimination prohibited under this *antisemitic discrimination*  
14 *prohibited under this subchapter or any other form of prohibited*  
15 *discrimination*, then the Title VI Coordinator shall provide written notice to  
16 the school or institution of higher education to address the Title VI  
17 Coordinator's concerns within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice.

18 (ii) If the Title VI Coordinator determines that a  
19 school or an institution of higher education has not taken the necessary  
20 action in accordance with the notice received under subdivision (c)(2)(B)(i)  
21 of this section within thirty (30) days, then the Title VI Coordinator shall  
22 report its finding to the:

23 (a) Attorney General's office for action; and

24 (b) United States Department of Education and  
25 United States Department of Justice by making a complaint under Title VI of  
26 the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352; and

27 (3) By June 30 of each year issue an annual report on  
28 discrimination in schools and institutions of higher education to the General  
29 Assembly, which shall include without limitation the following:

30 (A) The number and type of discrimination-related  
31 incidents;

32 (B) The category of bias-motivation, including  
33 antisemitism; and

34 (C) How reports of discrimination were resolved or if the  
35 reports of discrimination are pending resolution.

36 (d) The General Assembly is encouraged to:



1 institutions; and

2 (5) Promoting understanding, tolerance, and respect for all  
3 students and institution of higher education employees is imperative.

4 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to require all  
5 institutions of higher education to address and prohibit antisemitic  
6 discrimination at institution of higher education campuses in the same manner  
7 as institutions of higher education would address and prohibit any other form  
8 of discrimination prohibited by law, including without limitation  
9 discrimination on the basis of race.

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11 6-60-1602. Definitions.

12 As used in this section:

13 (1) "Antisemitism" means the same as defined by the  
14 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance in its working definition of  
15 antisemitism, including its contemporary examples, as it was adopted on May  
16 26, 2016; and

17 (2) "Institution of higher education" means a public two-year or  
18 four-year institution of higher education.

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20 6-60-1603. Requirements.

21 (a) Each institution of higher education shall treat harassment or  
22 discrimination that is motivated by or includes antisemitic intent by a  
23 student enrolled in the institution of higher education or an individual  
24 employed by the institution of higher education or that is a result of  
25 institution of higher education policies or programs on the institution of  
26 higher education campus in the same manner as any other form of  
27 discrimination prohibited by state or federal law.

28 (b) Each institution of higher education shall incorporate into its  
29 student and employee codes of conduct:

30 (1) The definition of antisemitism under this subchapter; and

31 (2) Prohibited conduct as it specifically relates to  
32 antisemitism, which shall include:

33 (A) Harassment and discrimination against Jews in  
34 compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352,  
35 as it existed on January 1, 2025;

36 (B) Antidiscrimination regulations provided by the United

1 States Department of Education and the United States Department of Justice;  
2 and

3 (C) Relevant state-level antidiscrimination laws.

4 (c) Each institution of higher education is encouraged to:

5 (1) Incorporate antisemitism awareness training into any  
6 required anti-bias training for all students enrolled in the institution of  
7 higher education and individuals employed by the institution of higher  
8 education; and

9 (2) Integrate Jewish-American heritage curriculum for students  
10 enrolled in the institution of higher education that incorporates Jewish  
11 experiences in the United States pre- and post-American Revolution, pre- and  
12 post-World War II and the Holocaust, and in modern times.

13 (d) Each institution of higher education shall place reasonable time,  
14 place, and manner restrictions on speech to ensure order and protect the  
15 rights of all students enrolled in the institution of higher education.

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17 6-60-1604. Monitoring.

18 Each institution of higher education shall comply with monitoring and  
19 reporting requirements under § 6-16-2004.

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21 6-60-1605. Exceptions.

22 (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed to diminish or infringe  
23 upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the United States  
24 Constitution or Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, §§ 4, 6, and 24.

25 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to conflict with federal or  
26 state discrimination laws.

27 (c) Criticism of Israel similar to the criticism leveled against any  
28 other country shall not be regarded as antisemitic.

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30 /s/Stone  
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