

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Berman, Pizzo, and Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to antisemitism; creating s. 1.015,
3 F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining the term
4 "antisemitism"; providing contemporary examples of
5 antisemitism; providing construction; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 WHEREAS, in 1998, Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson
9 initiated the Task Force for International Cooperation on
10 Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research, and

11 WHEREAS, an international forum was held January 27-29,
12 2000, and was attended by representatives of 46 governments,
13 including 23 heads of state or prime ministers and 14 deputy
14 prime ministers or ministers, and

15 WHEREAS, the task force issued the Declaration of the
16 Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust, also known as
17 the Stockholm Declaration, and

18 WHEREAS, the Stockholm Declaration is the founding document
19 for the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), the
20 successor organization to the Task Force for International
21 Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, in 2016, the IHRA adopted a working definition of
24 antisemitism to assist governments, organizations, and
25 individuals in their efforts to identify antisemitism, and

26 WHEREAS, as a part of this working definition, the IHRA
27 included contemporary examples of antisemitism from around the
28 globe, and

29 WHEREAS, IHRA's adoption of a working definition has

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empowered many governments, organizations, and individuals to identify and address the rise in hate and discrimination against Jewish individuals, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1.015, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1.015 Antisemitism.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to adopt the working definition developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) of the term "antisemitism" to assist in the monitoring and reporting of anti-Semitic hate crimes and discrimination and to make residents aware of and to combat such incidents in this state.

(2) As adopted by the IHRA on May 26, 2016, and as used in these statutes, the term "antisemitism" means a certain perception of Jewish individuals which may be expressed as hatred toward such individuals. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish and non-Jewish individuals and their property and toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

(3) Contemporary examples of antisemitism include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jewish individuals.

(b) Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jewish individuals as such or the power of Jewish people as a collective, such as the myth of

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59 a worldwide Jewish conspiracy or of Jewish individuals
60 controlling the media, economy, government, or other societal
61 institutions.

62 (c) Accusing Jewish people as a collective of being
63 responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a
64 single Jewish person or group or for acts committed by non-
65 Jewish individuals.

66 (d) Denying the fact, scope, and mechanisms, such as gas
67 chambers, or the intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish
68 people at the hands of Nazi Germany and its supporters and
69 accomplices during the Holocaust.

70 (e) Accusing Jewish people as a collective, or Israel as a
71 state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.

72 (f) Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel,
73 or to the alleged priorities of Jewish individuals worldwide,
74 than to the interests of their respective nations.

75 (g) Denying Jewish people their right to self-
76 determination, such as claiming that the existence of a State of
77 Israel is a racist endeavor.

78 (h) Applying double standards by requiring of the Jewish
79 state of Israel a standard of behavior not expected or demanded
80 of any other democratic nation.

81 (i) Using the symbols and images associated with classic
82 antisemitism, such as blood libel, to characterize Israel or
83 Israelis.

84 (j) Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to
85 that of the Nazis.

86 (k) Holding Jewish individuals collectively responsible for
87 actions of the state of Israel.

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88 (4) The term "antisemitism" does not include criticism of
89 Israel that is similar to criticism of any other country.

90 (5) This section may not be construed to diminish or
91 infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to
92 the United States Constitution or to conflict with federal or
93 state antidiscrimination laws.

94 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.