

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, the IHRA's adoption of a working definition has  
 30 empowered many governments, organizations, and individuals to  
 31 identify and address the rise in hate and discrimination against  
 32 Jewish individuals, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

38 1.015 Antisemitism.—

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

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

51 community institutions and religious facilities.

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

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

56 (b) Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or  
57 stereotypical allegations about Jewish individuals as such or  
58 the power of Jewish people as a collective, such as the myth of  
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  
73 Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jewish individuals  
74 worldwide, 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 the State  
 77 of 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  
 87 for actions of the State of Israel.

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.