

House File 2544 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 646)

(COMPANION TO LSB 5719SV BY
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring annual reports on and the prohibition of
2 antisemitism in community colleges, regents institutions, and
3 public school districts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
2 following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 36. Submit to the general assembly and
4 governor, by October 1 of each year, a report identifying each
5 complaint or incident of antisemitism that occurred at each
6 community college, institution of higher education under the
7 control of the state board of regents, and public school district
8 from the prior academic year, and the findings and outcomes
9 of any investigations conducted, as reported by each community
10 college, institution of higher education, and public school
11 district. For the purposes of this subsection, "antisemitism"
12 means the same as defined in section 216F.1.

13 Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
14 following new subsection:

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Annually, by September 1, submit to the
16 state board of education a report identifying each complaint or
17 incident of antisemitism that occurred at the community college
18 from the prior academic year, and the findings and outcomes of
19 any investigations conducted. For purposes of this subsection,
20 "antisemitism" means the same as defined in section 216F.1.

21 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **260C.51 Antisemitism — discrimination**
22 **prohibited.**

23 1. Each community college shall prohibit antisemitism. Each
24 community college shall treat harassment or discrimination by an
25 employee or student that is motivated by or includes antisemitic
26 intent, or harassment or discrimination against an employee or
27 student that is a result of the community college's policies and
28 programs, in the same manner as any other form of discrimination
29 prohibited by federal or state law.

30 2. Each community college shall integrate into the community
31 college's codes of conduct for students, faculty, and other
32 employees a policy prohibiting conduct that relates to
33 antisemitism, including harassment and discrimination against
34 Jewish people in violation of Tit. VI of the federal Civil Rights
35 Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352, and any antidiscrimination

1 regulations adopted by the federal department of education or the
2 federal department of justice.

3 Sec. 4. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
4 following new subsection:

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. a. Direct the institutions of higher
6 education under its control to prohibit antisemitism. Each
7 institution shall treat harassment or discrimination by an
8 employee or student that is motivated by or includes antisemitic
9 intent, or harassment or discrimination against an employee or
10 student that is a result of the institution's policies and
11 programs, in the same manner as any other form of discrimination
12 prohibited by federal or state law.

13 b. Direct the institutions of higher education under its
14 control to integrate into the institution's codes of conduct
15 for students, faculty, and other employees a policy prohibiting
16 conduct that relates to antisemitism, including harassment and
17 discrimination against Jewish people in violation of Tit. VI of
18 the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352, and any
19 antidiscrimination regulations adopted by the federal department
20 of education or the federal department of justice.

21 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **262.93A Annual report on**
22 **antisemitism.**

23 The state board of regents shall submit to the state board
24 of education, by September 1 of each year, a report identifying
25 each complaint or incident of antisemitism that occurred at each
26 of the institutions of higher education under the control of the
27 board from the prior academic year, and the findings and outcomes
28 of any investigations conducted. The board shall conduct an
29 annual review of the policies of the regents institutions related
30 to antisemitic actions and speech, and provide the findings
31 of such review in the report. For purposes of this section,
32 "antisemitism" means the same as defined in section 216F.1.

33 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **279.89 Annual report on**
34 **antisemitism.**

35 The board of directors of each public school district shall

1 report annually to the state board of education, by September 1
2 of each year, a report identifying each complaint or incident
3 of antisemitism that occurred at the school district from
4 the prior academic year, and the findings and outcomes of
5 any investigations conducted. For purposes of this section,
6 "antisemitism" means the same as defined in section 216F.1.

7 Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. **279.90 Antisemitism — discrimination**
8 **prohibited.**

9 1. Each school district shall prohibit antisemitism. Each
10 school district shall treat harassment or discrimination by an
11 employee or student that is motivated by or includes antisemitic
12 intent, or harassment or discrimination against an employee or
13 student that is a result of the school district's policies and
14 programs, in the same manner as any other form of discrimination
15 prohibited by federal or state law.

16 2. Each school district shall integrate into the school
17 district's codes of conduct for students, faculty, and
18 other employees a policy prohibiting conduct that relates to
19 antisemitism, including harassment and discrimination against
20 Jewish people in violation of Tit. VI of the federal Civil Rights
21 Act of 1964, Pub. L. No. 88-352, and any antidiscrimination
22 regulations adopted by the federal department of education or the
23 federal department of justice.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill requires annual reports on, and the prohibition of,
28 antisemitism.

29 The bill requires the state board of education to submit an
30 annual report to the general assembly and governor by October
31 1 of each year, identifying each complaint or incident of
32 antisemitism that occurred during the prior academic year at
33 each community college, institution of higher education under
34 the control of the state board of regents, and public school
35 district. The bill requires the report to include the findings

1 and outcomes of any investigations conducted. The bill requires
2 the board of directors of each community college, the state board
3 of regents, and the board of directors of each public school
4 district to submit a report to the state board of education by
5 September 1 of each year identifying each complaint or incident
6 of antisemitism that occurred during the prior academic year
7 at the respective institution for use in the state board of
8 education's annual report.

9 The bill also requires the state board of regents to conduct
10 an annual review of policies related to antisemitic actions and
11 speech at regents institutions, and to include such findings in
12 the report.

13 The bill further requires the board of directors of each
14 community college, the state board of regents, and the board of
15 directors of each public school district to prohibit antisemitism
16 and treat harassment or discrimination by an employee or
17 student that is motivated by or includes antisemitic intent, or
18 harassment or discrimination against an employee or student that
19 is the result of the community college, regent institution, or
20 school district's policies and programs, in the same manner as
21 any other form of discrimination prohibited by state and federal
22 law.

23 The bill requires the board of directors of each community
24 college, the state board of regents, and the board of directors
25 of each public school district to integrate a policy prohibiting
26 conduct that relates to antisemitism, including harassment and
27 discrimination against Jewish people in violation of Tit. VI of
28 the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, and any antidiscrimination
29 regulations adopted by the federal department of education or the
30 federal department of justice into each community college, regent
31 institution, and school district's codes of conduct.