

HOUSE BILL No. 1002

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-33-1-1; IC 21-40-2-1.

Synopsis: Enforcement of equal educational opportunity. Defines "antisemitism", specifies that the public policy of the state is to provide educational opportunities free of religious discrimination, and provides that antisemitism is discrimination on the basis of religion.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-33-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,
2 SECTION 118, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. (a) **As used in this section,**
4 **"antisemitism" refers to the May 26, 2016, working definition of**
5 **antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust**
6 **Remembrance Alliance, the United States Department of State, and**
7 **the United States Department of Education, which states that:**
8 **"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be**
9 **expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical**
10 **manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or**
11 **non-Jewish individuals and or their property, toward Jewish**
12 **community institutions and religious facilities." The term:**
13 **(1) includes contemporary examples of antisemitism included**
14 **in the May 26, 2016, working definition of antisemitism; and**
15 **(2) does not include criticism of Israel similar to that leveled**
16 **against any other country.**
17 (b) The following is the public policy of the state:



- 1 (1) To provide:
 2 (A) equal;
 3 (B) nonsegregated; and
 4 (C) nondiscriminatory;
 5 educational opportunities and facilities for all, regardless of race,
 6 creed, **religion**, national origin, color, or sex.
 7 (2) To provide and furnish public schools open equally to all, and
 8 prohibited and denied to none because of race, creed, color, or
 9 national origin.
 10 (3) To reaffirm the principles of:
 11 (A) the Bill of Rights;
 12 (B) civil rights; and
 13 (C) the Constitution of the State of Indiana.
 14 (4) To provide a uniform democratic system of public school
 15 education to the state and the citizens of Indiana.
 16 (5) To:
 17 (A) abolish;
 18 (B) eliminate; and
 19 (C) prohibit;
 20 segregated and separate schools or school districts on the basis of
 21 race, creed, or color.
 22 (6) To eliminate and prohibit:
 23 (A) segregation;
 24 (B) separation; and
 25 (C) discrimination;
 26 on the basis of race, creed, or color in public schools.
 27 **(c) Antisemitism, whether expressed by an individual or through**
 28 **an institutional policy, is discrimination on the basis of race, creed,**
 29 **religion, or national origin.**
 30 SECTION 2. IC 21-40-2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2007, SECTION
 31 281, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 32 1, 2024]: Sec. 1. **(a) As used in this section, "antisemitism" refers to**
 33 **the May 26, 2016, working definition of antisemitism adopted by**
 34 **the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, the United**
 35 **States Department of State, and the United States Department of**
 36 **Education, which states that: "Antisemitism is a certain perception**
 37 **of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.**
 38 **Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are**
 39 **directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and or their**
 40 **property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious**
 41 **facilities." The term:**
 42 **(1) includes contemporary examples of antisemitism included**



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 2 **(2) does not include criticism of Israel similar to that leveled**
 3 **against any other country.**
 4 **(b) The following is the public policy of the state:**
 5 (1) To provide:
 6 (A) equal;
 7 (B) nonsegregated; and
 8 (C) nondiscriminatory;
 9 educational opportunities and facilities for all, regardless of race,
 10 creed, national origin, color, or sex.
 11 (2) To provide and furnish state educational institutions open
 12 equally to all, and prohibited and denied to none because of race,
 13 creed, color, or national origin.
 14 (3) To reaffirm the principles of:
 15 (A) the Bill of Rights;
 16 (B) civil rights; and
 17 (C) the Constitution of the State of Indiana.
 18 (4) To provide a uniform democratic system of public education
 19 to the state and the citizens of Indiana.
 20 (5) To:
 21 (A) abolish;
 22 (B) eliminate; and
 23 (C) prohibit;
 24 segregated and separate departments or divisions of a state
 25 educational institution on the basis of race, creed, or color.
 26 (6) To eliminate and prohibit:
 27 (A) segregation;
 28 (B) separation; and
 29 (C) discrimination;
 30 on the basis of race, color, or creed in state educational
 31 institutions.
 32 **(c) Antisemitism, whether expressed by an individual or through**
 33 **an institutional policy, is discrimination on the basis of race, creed,**
 34 **religion, or national origin.**

