

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 353 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY MARCELL, GLEIM, GROVE, KENYATTA, KUZMA,
M. MACKENZIE, MALAGARI AND SCHEUREN, JANUARY 27, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 27, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in miscellaneous provisions relating
6 to institutions of higher education, providing for public
7 institution of higher education policy on antisemitism.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 2005-I. Public institution of higher education policy
14 on antisemitism.

15 (a) Duty to adopt.--In order to receive State funding, a
16 public institution of higher education must adopt a clear and
17 understandable written policy prohibiting antisemitism among
18 faculty, staff and students.

19 (b) Required contents.--A public institution of higher
20 education shall adopt, as part of its code of conduct relating

1 to discrimination and harassment, a definition of the terms
2 "discrimination" and "harassment," which definitions shall
3 include antisemitism and examples of antisemitic activity.

4 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
6 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Antisemitism." A certain perception of Jewish individuals,
8 which may be expressed as hatred toward Jewish individuals,
9 including rhetorical or physical manifestations directed toward
10 Jewish or non-Jewish individuals or their property, or toward
11 Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.

12 "Public institution of higher education." Any of the
13 following:

14 (1) A community college operating under Article XIX-A.

15 (2) A rural regional college established under Article
16 XIX-G.

17 (3) A university within the State System of Higher
18 Education under Article XX-A.

19 (4) A State-related institution as defined in section
20 2001-C.

21 (5) The Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.