Session of 2025

Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2299

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning antisemitism; declaring antisemitism to be against public policy; defining antisemitism and antisemitic for purposes of state law.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) It is hereby declared that antisemitism and antisemitic acts are against the public policy of this state, including, but not limited to, the purposes of public educational institutions and law enforcement agencies in this state. The state of Kansas hereby adopts a non-legally binding definition of antisemitism and antisemitic.

(b) "Antisemitism" or "antisemitic" means the same as defined by the international Holocaust rememberance alliance's working definition of antisemitism, including the contemporary examples, as in effect on May 26, 2016. "Antisemitism" or "antisemitic" includes:

(A) Encouraging, supporting, praising, participating in or threatening violence or vandalism against Jewish people or property;

(B) wearing masks to conceal a person's identity with the intent to harass or discriminate against Jewish students, faculty or employees on school property; and

(C) incorporating or allowing funding of antisemitic curriculum or activities in any domestic or study abroad programs or classes.

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the first amendment to the constitution of the United States or the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.