

State of Wisconsin



2025 Assembly Bill 446

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2025 WISCONSIN ACT 143

AN ACT to create 20.932 of the statutes; **relating to:** consideration of a certain definition of antisemitism for purposes of laws, ordinances, policies, or criminal penalty enhancers concerning discrimination based on race, religion, color, or national origin.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.932 of the statutes is created to read:

20.932 Discrimination based on antisemitism.

(1) **DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

(a) "Local governmental unit" means a political subdivision, a special purpose district, an agency or corporation of a political subdivision or special purpose district, a school district, or a combination or subunit of any of the foregoing, in this state.

(b) "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town, or county.

(c) "State agency" means an association, authority, board, department, commission, independent agency, institution, office, society, or other body in state government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law.

(2) **CONSIDERATION OF DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM.** Each state agency and local governmental unit and each employee or official of this state or of a local governmental unit shall consider the definition of antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust

Remembrance Alliance on May 26, 2016, including its examples, when evaluating evidence of discriminatory intent for any law, ordinance, or policy in this state that prohibits discrimination based on race, religion, color, or national origin or that provides for enhanced criminal penalties for criminal offenses when the defendant intentionally selects the victim or group of victims or selects the property that is damaged or otherwise affected by the crime because of the victim's or group of victims' actual or perceived race, religion, color, or national origin.

(3) **CONSTRUCTIONS.** (a) Nothing in this section may be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution or to conflict with federal or state antidiscrimination laws.

(b) Nothing in this section may be construed to create any additional civil or criminal penalty, including for activity protected under the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution at any public school in this state or at any University of Wisconsin System institution or technical college.

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."