

Antisemitism; SB 44

SB 44 declares that antisemitism and antisemitic acts are against the public policy of the state, including, but not limited to, the purposes of public educational institutions and law enforcement agencies.

The bill defines “antisemitism” or “antisemitic” to mean the same as defined by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s working definition of antisemitism, including the following contemporary examples, as in effect on May 26, 2016:

- Encouraging, supporting, praising, participating in, or threatening violence or vandalism against Jewish people or property;
- 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
- Incorporating or allowing funding of antisemitic curriculum or activities in any domestic or study abroad programs or classes.

The bill also states that the provisions of the bill should not be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment of the *U.S. Constitution* or the Bill of Rights of the *Kansas Constitution*.