

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 942

By: Thompson and Daniels of the  
Senate

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4 Gise of the House

5  
6 An Act relating to education; defining terms;  
7 prohibiting discrimination on certain basis against  
8 students or employees in an institution of higher  
9 education or public school; prohibiting persons from  
10 being excluded, denied benefits, or discriminated  
11 against on certain basis; prohibiting criteria for  
12 admission to an institution of higher education  
13 course or program from restricting access to certain  
14 persons; providing certain exceptions; directing  
15 certain services to be available to all students;  
16 directing all education programs, activities, and  
17 opportunities offered by institutions of higher  
18 education and public schools to be made available  
19 without certain discrimination; providing certain  
20 construction; directing institutions of higher  
21 education and public schools to integrate certain  
22 definition into certain codes of conduct; prohibiting  
certain conduct; directing institutions of higher  
education and public schools to treat certain  
harassment and discrimination in certain manner;  
encouraging institutions of higher education and  
public schools to incorporate certain training and  
integrate certain curriculum; directing the State  
Department of Education and the Oklahoma State  
Regents for Higher Education to designate certain  
coordinator; prescribing duties of coordinator;  
providing for written notice to address certain  
complaint within certain time period; providing for  
certain findings to be reported to certain  
departments; directing submission of annual report;  
providing for contents of report; providing certain  
construction; providing for codification; providing  
an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-162 of Title 70, unless there  
4 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

5 A. As used in this section:

6 1. "Antisemitism" has the same meaning as provided for by the  
7 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of  
8 Antisemitism, including its contemporary examples, as it was adopted  
9 on May 26, 2016;

10 2. "Institution of higher education" means an institution of  
11 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher  
12 Education; and

13 3. "Public school" shall have the same meaning as provided for  
14 in Section 1-106 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 B. Discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national  
16 origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status against a  
17 student or an employee in an institution of higher education or a  
18 public school in this state shall be prohibited. No person in this  
19 state shall, on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex,  
20 disability, religion, or marital status, be excluded from  
21 participating in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to  
22 discrimination under any institution of higher education or public  
23 school program or activity or in any employment conditions or  
24 practices conducted by an institution of higher education or a

1 public school that receives or benefits from federal or state  
2 financial assistance.

3       C. The criteria for admission to a program or course at an  
4 institution of higher education shall not have the effect of  
5 restricting access by persons of a particular race, ethnicity,  
6 national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status;  
7 provided, this shall not infringe upon the rights of student faith-  
8 based organizations and ethnic solidarity organizations to select  
9 leadership committed to their group's mission and principles.

10      D. All institution of higher education and public school  
11 classes shall be available to all students without regard to race,  
12 ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital  
13 status. Provided, however, the provisions of this subsection shall  
14 not prohibit the provision of programs designed to meet the needs of  
15 students with limited proficiency in English, gifted students, or  
16 students with disabilities or programs tailored to students with  
17 specialized talents or skills.

18       E. Guidance, counseling, and financial assistance services in  
19 institutions of higher education and public schools shall be  
20 available to all students equally and provided in the same manner  
21 regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability,  
22 religion, or marital status.

23       F. All education programs, activities, and opportunities  
24 offered by institutions of higher education and public schools shall

1   be made available without discrimination on the basis of race,  
2   ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital  
3   status.

4       G. Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit or restrict  
5   the implementation, funding, or administration of any Indian  
6   education programs or services established under federal or state  
7   law.

8           SECTION 2.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
9   in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-163 of Title 70, unless there  
10   is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11          A. Institutions of higher education and public schools shall  
12   integrate the definition of antisemitism provided for in Section 1  
13   of this act into their student, faculty, and employee codes of  
14   conduct. Prohibited conduct as it specifically relates to  
15   antisemitism shall include harassment and discrimination against  
16   Jews in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and  
17   antidiscrimination regulations provided by the United States  
18   Department of Education and the United States Department of Justice.

19          B. Institutions of higher education and public schools shall  
20   treat harassment of or discrimination against students or employees  
21   or resulting from institutional policies or programs on their  
22   campuses motivated by or including antisemitic intent in an  
23   identical manner to discrimination motivated by race.

1       C. All institutions of higher education and public schools are  
2 encouraged to:

- 3           1. Incorporate antisemitism awareness training for all  
4 students, faculty, administrators, and campus police;
- 5           2. Integrate Jewish American heritage curriculum for students  
6 that incorporates Jewish experiences in the United States of America  
7 pre- and post-revolution, pre- and post-World War II and the  
8 Holocaust, and in modern times; and
- 9           3. Place reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on  
10 speech to ensure order and protect the rights of all students.

11          D. 1. The State Department of Education shall designate a  
12 Title VI coordinator dedicated to monitoring antisemitic  
13 discrimination and harassment in public schools in this state. All  
14 public schools shall electronically report incidents and complaints  
15 of antisemitic discrimination and harassment to the Title VI  
16 coordinator. The Title VI Coordinator shall establish, maintain,  
17 and publicize a formal reporting process whereby students, parents,  
18 staff, and faculty can submit complaints of antisemitic  
19 discrimination and harassment.

20           2. The Title VI coordinator designated pursuant to paragraph 1  
21 of this subsection shall thoroughly investigate all submitted  
22 complaints. If after a reasonable investigation a Title VI  
23 coordinator determines that a public school has engaged in, allowed,  
24 or not sufficiently prohibited antisemitic discrimination, the State

1 Department of Education shall provide written notice to the public  
2 school to address the complaint within thirty (30) days of receiving  
3 the notice.

4       3. If the Title VI coordinator determines that the public  
5 school has not taken the necessary actions to address the complaint  
6 within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice, the Department  
7 shall report its findings to the United States Department of  
8 Education and the United States Department of Justice by making a  
9 complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

10      E. 1. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education shall  
11 designate a Title VI coordinator dedicated to monitoring antisemitic  
12 discrimination and harassment in institutions of higher education in  
13 this state. All institutions of higher education shall  
14 electronically report incidents and complaints of antisemitic  
15 discrimination and harassment to the Title VI coordinator.

16      2. The Title VI coordinator designated pursuant to paragraph 1  
17 of this subsection shall thoroughly investigate all submitted  
18 complaints. If after a reasonable investigation a Title VI  
19 coordinator determines that an institution of higher education has  
20 engaged in, allowed, or not sufficiently prohibited antisemitic  
21 discrimination, the State Regents shall provide written notice to  
22 the institution of higher education to address the complaint within  
23 thirty (30) days of receiving the notice.

1       3. If the Title VI coordinator determines that the institution  
2 of higher education has not taken the necessary actions to address  
3 the complaint within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice, the  
4 State Regents shall report their findings to the United States  
5 Department of Education and the United States Department of Justice  
6 by making a complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of  
7 1964.

8           F. No later than June 30, 2026, and June 30 each subsequent  
9 year, the Title VI coordinators designated pursuant to paragraph 1  
10 of subsections D and E of this section shall electronically submit  
11 to the Legislature a report on antisemitism in institutions of  
12 higher education and public schools.

13           G. The Legislature is encouraged to conduct hearings and/or  
14 investigations to assess if institutions are adequately addressing  
15 antisemitic harassment and discrimination; if not, the Legislature  
16 should consider reducing or eliminating state funding to such  
17 institutions.

18       SECTION 3.      NEW LAW      A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-164 of Title 70, unless there  
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21           A. Nothing in this act shall be construed to diminish or  
22 infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the  
23 United States Constitution or Section 22 of Article II of the  
24 Oklahoma Constitution.

1       B. Nothing in this act shall be construed to conflict with  
2 federal or state discrimination laws.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

4 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
5 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

8 Passed the Senate the 25th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

2        Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
3        2025.

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