

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1218

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to definitions and general  
8 provisions; making legislative findings; defining  
9 term; making reference to certain statutory  
provisions; providing for noncodification; providing  
for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
13 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

14 The Legislature finds that:

15 1. Antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or  
16 perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation,  
17 or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in  
18 contemporary American society;

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20 2. Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the  
United States. Data shows, for instance, that Jews are consistently  
the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by  
incidents of hate, and that such incidents are increasing at an  
alarming rate;

1       3. State officials and institutions have a responsibility to  
2 protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry motivated by  
3 discriminatory animus, including antisemitism, and must be given the  
4 tools to do so;

5       4. Valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and  
6 effective policy-making all require uniform definitions;

7       5. While there can be no exhaustive definition of antisemitism,  
8 as it can take many forms, the International Holocaust Remembrance  
9 Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition has been an essential  
10 definitional tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of  
11 antisemitism, and includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-  
12 Israel acts that cross the line into antisemitism;

13       6. The IHRA definition is used by various agencies of the  
14 federal government, the majority of the United States, and the 33  
15 governments that are members of IHRA; recommended for use by the  
16 European Council and the European Parliament, endorsed by the UN  
17 Secretary General and the Secretary General of the OAS, included in  
18 policy guides prepared by the Organization for Security and  
19 Cooperation in Europe, and formally adopted by a growing number of  
20 European nations; and

21       7. Use of this definition of antisemitism, although it is not  
22 to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase the awareness  
23 and understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish  
24 discrimination in certain circumscribed areas.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in  
2 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 61 of Title 25, unless there is  
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. For purposes of this act, the term "antisemitism" has the  
5 same meaning as provided for in the working definition of  
6 antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance  
7 Alliance (IHRA) on May 26, 2016, including the "contemporary  
8 examples of antisemitism."

9 B. Nothing in this act shall be construed to diminish or  
10 infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the  
11 United States Constitution, or the Oklahoma Constitution. Nothing  
12 in this act shall be construed to conflict with local, federal or  
13 state discrimination laws.

14 C. In reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has  
15 been a violation of any policy, law, or regulation prohibiting  
16 discriminatory acts under Sections 1101 through 1707 of Title 25 of  
17 the Oklahoma Statutes or Section 850 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma  
18 Statutes the state shall take into consideration the definition of  
19 antisemitism set forth in subsection A of this section or purposes  
20 of determining whether the alleged act was motivated by  
21 discriminatory antisemitic intent.

22 D. Nothing in this act shall be construed to alter the  
23 evidentiary requirements pursuant to which an agency or department  
24 makes a determination that conduct, including harassment, amounts to

1 | actionable discrimination, or to diminish or infringe upon the  
2 | rights protected under any other provision of law.

3 | SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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