

HB 2061 -- PROHIBITING ANTISEMITIC ACTIONS (Hruza)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Emerging Issues

This bill defines "antisemitism" and requires that public schools, school districts, and public institutions of higher education integrate the definition of antisemitism into codes of conduct and prohibit antisemitic conduct in the same manner that discrimination motivated by race is treated.

The bill prohibits discrimination by public schools, school districts, and public institutions of higher education on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status against students or employees. The bill provides that classes, guidance services, counseling services, and financial assistance services be available equally.

The bill requires Title VI coordinators at the State Board of Education and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to monitor antisemitic discrimination and harassment at public schools and education institutions. The coordinators will investigate complaints and determine if an education institution allowed or failed to prohibit the discrimination and harassment and compile annual reports to be submitted to the General Assembly by July 1st of each year. However, those complaints that solely contain instances of political or religious speech that is protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or Missouri Constitution will not be reported, compiled, or published by the Coordinating Board.

This bill also states that no educational institution will create a list, registry, or database of students based on their religious or political views, opinions, or expressions, which are protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or Missouri Constitution.

This bill is similar to HB 937 (2025).