

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions to
2 combat antisemitism.

3 WHEREAS, Jewish students are targeted for hate crimes at a higher per capita rate
4 than students belonging to any other group; and

5 WHEREAS, according to a 2024 report by the Anti-Defamation League, recorded
6 incidents of antisemitism, including on Kentucky's university campuses, have reached
7 record highs; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2021 both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly passed
9 resolutions adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of
10 antisemitism and encouraging public officials, including the presidents of our public
11 postsecondary education institutions, to ensure that the Commonwealth of Kentucky will
12 live up to the transcendent principles of religious freedom and equal protection as
13 embodied in the Constitution; and

14 WHEREAS, protecting the right of students to access Kentucky's public
15 postsecondary education institutions is an obligation; and

16 WHEREAS, to address rising incidents of antisemitism, Kentucky's public
17 postsecondary institutions need to take timely action;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. By January 1, 2026, the governing board of each of Kentucky's
21 public postsecondary education institutions shall adopt policies to combat antisemitism
22 within their institutions. The institutions shall implement these policies through June 30,
23 2028, and may continue implementation thereafter. Policies shall require:

24 (1) At the start of each semester, notifying all students:

25 (a) Of the rights that are protected at the institution under Title VI of the Civil
26 Rights Act of 1964 and how a student may file a complaint if the student believes those
27 rights have been violated; and

1 (b) That KRS 344.450 provides any person injured by certain acts of
2 discrimination with a civil cause of action to enjoin further violations and to recover the
3 actual damages sustained and the costs of the law suit;

4 (2) The identification of any local Chabad center or Chabad house that seeks to
5 serve Jewish students attending the institution as a community resource to the same
6 extent that any other religious organization is recognized by the institution as a
7 community resource for the institution's students;

8 (3) The defunding and disbanding of any student organization that has been found
9 by an institution to be providing material support or resources to a designated terrorist
10 organization and the reporting of those activities to appropriate law enforcement
11 authorities; and

12 (4) The collection of data of:

13 (a) The number of reports alleging antisemitism submitted to the institution, the
14 number of investigations opened by the institution as a result of those reports; and the
15 outcomes of those investigations;

16 (b) The number of reports alleging violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
17 1964 that are connected to antisemitism of which the institution has been notified and the
18 results of those investigations that are in the possession of the institution; and

19 (c) The number of actions that have been brought against the institution under
20 KRS 344.450 and the outcomes of such actions.

21 ➔Section 2. By June 30 of each year, until July 1, 2028, each public
22 postsecondary education institution shall report the data collected under subsection (4) of
23 Section 1 of this Act to the Council on Postsecondary Education. The report shall include
24 data collected over the prior year, except the first report shall review available data from
25 the prior two years. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall compile the data for
26 each institution and for the state at-large, place it on the council's website, and report it to
27 the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate interim joint

1 committees.

2 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate shall forward a copy of this Resolution and
3 notification of its adoption to the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education; to
4 the presidents of the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Eastern
5 Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, Northern Kentucky University,
6 Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, and the
7 Kentucky Community and Technical College System; and to the president of the
8 Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities.