During Israel Visit Governor Ron DeSantis SIGNS LEGISLATION TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM AND SUPPORT ISRAEL



House Bill 269 will create recourses for law enforcement to fight anti-Semitism and demonstrate Florida's commitment to doing business with Israel.

HOUSE BILL 269

PROHIBITS

a person from harassing, threatening, or intimidating another person based on the person wearing something that signifies their religious or ethnic heritage, including traditionally Jewish garb.

PROHIBITS

a person from intentionally dumping litter onto private property for the purpose of intimidating or threatening the owner, resident, or invitee of the property.

PROHIBITS

a person from willfully and maliciously interrupting or disturbing any assembly of people met for the purpose of acknowledging the death of an individual, whether that is a funeral at a funeral parlor or a family's home where they are sitting shiva.

PROHIBITS

against displaying or projecting an image onto a building, structure, or other property, including synagogues, without the written consent of the owner of the building, structure, or property.

CREATES

a new trespass offense if a person who is not authorized or invited willfully enters the campus of a state college or university for the purpose of threatening or intimidating another person and is warned by the institution to depart and refuses to do so.



Earlier this year, the FBI released updated crime statistics that demonstrated that over 51% of religion related hate crimes were Anti-Jewish incidents. Through HB 269, the above offenses are all now punishable as first-degree misdemeanors, and if the violation involves a credible threat, can be increased to third degree felonies, giving law enforcement more recourses to fight against anti-Semitic attacks.

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