



# HOUSE BILL 942: SHALOM (Standing Up to Hate and Leading with Our Moral Principles) Act.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2024-27 adopts a definition of antisemitism as a tool and guide for recognizing, combating, tracking, and reporting antisemitic incidents in North Carolina, and informing related training and education.*

*This act became effective July 1, 2024.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2024-27 adopts the Working Definition of Antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (Alliance) on May 26, 2016, including the identified examples of antisemitism. The definition and examples must be used as a tool and guide for recognizing, combating, tracking, and reporting antisemitic incidents in North Carolina, and informing related training and education. The act states that it does not diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution or the Constitution of North Carolina.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective July 1, 2024.

**BACKGROUND:** On May 26, 2016, the Alliance adopted its Working Definition of Antisemitism, which states the following:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

The Alliance states in its guidance that antisemitism "might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic." The Alliance identified multiple potential examples of antisemitism, including the following:

- "Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion."
- "Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust."
- "Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor."

Additional information about the Working Definition can be found at the following website, including the full list of identified potential examples of antisemitism:

<https://holocaustremembrance.com/resources/working-definition-antisemitism>

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