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motivated by race. Pursuant to § 1000.05, Florida Statutes, forms of anti-Semitism that may constitute discrimination on the basis of race include:

1. Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews, often in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
2. Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective, especially, but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
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On April 28, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed [House Bill 269](#) to establish stronger criminal penalties for committing certain anti-Semitic crimes.

§ 784.0493, Florida Statutes, was created to prohibit harassment or intimidation based on religious or ethnic heritage and states: (2) A person may not willfully and maliciously harass or intimidate another person based on the person's wearing or displaying of any indicia relating to any religious or ethnic heritage. (3) A person who violates subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 80 775.082 or s. 775.083. (4) A person who violates subsection (2), and in the course of committing the violation makes a credible threat to the person who is the subject of the harassment or intimidation, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. (5) A violation of this section is considered a hate crime for purposes of the reporting requirements of s. 877.19.

Additionally, § 810.098, Florida Statutes, was created to prohibit trespassing for the purpose of threatening or intimidating another person. Specifically, the ifically, the (11)4(0)62016(0)-9F2 12 Tf1.05 0 0

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resources to ensure Florida institutions uphold their commitment to protect and safeguard Jewish students and faculty.

The staff at the Board of Governors and the Florida Department of Education are prepared to assist if you have any questions or if you need technical assistance to ensure that your institutions are in compliance with these significant provisions of the law.