



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Presidents, South Carolina Public Institutions of Higher Learning  
**FROM:** Jeff Schilz, Interim President and Executive Director  
**DATE:** July 30, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Proviso 11.23. of the 2018-19 Appropriations Act

Proviso 11.23 requires the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) to print and distribute the definition of anti-Semitism to all S.C. public colleges and universities. As specified in the proviso, the definition of anti-Semitism includes:

- (1) a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities
- (2) calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews;
- (3) making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective;
- (4) accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, the state of Israel, or even for acts committed by non-Jews;
- (5) accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust;
- (6) accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interest of their own nations;
- (7) using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism to characterize Israel or Israelis;
- (8) drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis;
- (9) blaming Israel for all inter-religious or political tensions;
- (10) applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation;
- (11) multilateral organizations focusing on Israel only for peace or human rights investigations; and
- (12) denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist, provided, however, that criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic.

The proviso further provides:

“South Carolina public colleges and universities shall take into consideration the definition of anti-Semitism for purposes of determining whether the alleged practice was motivated by anti-

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Semitic intent when reviewing, investigating, or deciding whether there has been a violation of a college or university policy prohibiting discriminatory practices on the basis of religion.”

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