



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senate Republicans Recommend Legislative Action to Combat Antisemitism

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| ISSUE: **COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM**



The Senate Republican Conference announced the creation of an antisemitism working group in February 2023 to address the threat of antisemitism in New York State. On March 27, 2024, Senator Helming joined the working group as it released its [antisemitism report](#) and sent a letter to Governor Hochul and Legislative Majority Leaders recommending legislative action to combat the increase in antisemitic hate crimes in New York. New York State has the largest Jewish population in the U.S.

The working group is urging the adoption of five priority legislative recommendations:

- **S.3275**: places a definition of antisemitism within the state human rights law; provides that antisemitism that incites, causes or results in any act of violence, or injury to a person, or the damage to or destruction of real or personal property, shall be deemed to constitute a hate crime;
- **S.7752**: prohibits students from receiving TAP if engaging in antisemitic behavior;
- **S.7773**: creates the “Dismantling Student Antisemitism (DSA) Act” which implements antisemitism awareness and prevention sensitivity training in colleges with consequence of loss of funding;
- **S.8625**: enacts the “New York State Antisemitism Vandalism Act” which establishes the crime of vandalism of pro-Israel print and provides a class A misdemeanor for any individual who intentionally destroys, damages, removes any banner, poster, flyer or billboard which is located in a public space, where the intent or purpose of such banner, poster, flyer or billboard is to bring awareness for Israeli individuals who have been victims of a crime, or to positively support the country or citizens of Israel; and
- **S.8774**: expands the prohibition of harassing conduct involving Nazi symbols.'

Read the full list of legislative priorities in the letter.

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RELATED LEGISLATION

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**2023-S3275**

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- Introduced
  - ◦ In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - ◦ Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
  - Delivered to Governor
  - Signed By Governor
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Relates to protections against anti-Semitism in the human rights law and the hate crimes statute

January 30, 2023

In Senate Committee [Investigations and Government Operations](#)

Sponsored by [Joseph A. Griffo](#)

Do you support this bill?

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**2023-S7752**

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- Introduced
  - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Prohibits the granting of tuition assistance awards to any student who has knowingly engaged in certain antisemitic activities

November 15, 2023

In Senate Committee [Higher Education](#)

Sponsored by [Bill Weber](#)

Do you support this bill?

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**2023-S7773**

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- Introduced
  - ◦ In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - ◦ Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
  - Delivered to Governor
  - Signed By Governor
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Enacts the "dismantling student antisemitism act", or "DSA act"

November 29, 2023

In Senate Committee [Higher Education](#)

Sponsored by [Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2023-S8625

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Enacts the New York state antisemitism vandalism act

February 22, 2024

In Senate Committee [Codes](#)

Sponsored by [Jack M. Martins](#)

Do you support this bill?

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**2023-S8774**

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- Introduced

- ○ In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to aggravated harassment by the display of symbols of Nazi Germany

March 11, 2024

In Senate Committee [Codes](#)

Sponsored by [Peter Oberacker](#)

Do you support this bill?