



## Combating Hate in K-12 Classrooms and Higher Education

### **HB14: County Boards of Education - Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation - Information Collection and Reporting Requirements (Del. Linda Foley)**

#### ***House Ways & Means Committee***

This bill would alter the contents of a school bullying, harassment, and intimidation forms to require the identification of certain motivators behind the incident – including, but not limited to, an actual or a perceived personal characteristic including race, national origin, religion, ancestry, physical attributes, socioeconomic status, familial status, or physical or mental ability or disability. By collecting this information, schools can better assess what hate bias areas are most prominent in their school systems, and can tailor their required antibias staff training that must be completed every two years (2024, HB1386: Education - School Employee Antibias Training – Requirements).

### **SB316/HB109: Institutions of Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary Schools - Title VI Coordinators (Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher/Del. Joe Vogel)**

#### ***Senate Education, Energy, & The Environment Committee/Jointly Assigned to House Appropriations and Ways & Means Committees***

This bill would require the governing board of each institution of higher education in the State and local school systems to designate a Title VI Coordinator to ensure compliance with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and allow a student alleging discrimination under the provisions of this law to file a complaint with a Title VI Coordinator of a local school system. It is important that all students feel like they belong. By requiring that each school system and each institution of higher learning designate a Title VI Coordinator, we are ensuring that there is a resource available to students who feel they are being discriminated against, and proper avenues for incidents to be reported.

### **Why is this important to the Jewish Community?**

Everyone wants their child to feel safe and welcome at school – whether this is a K-12 classroom or a higher education institution. By ensuring there is access to reporting resources for our students of all ages, we are allowing them to focus on their education, rather than harassment, bullying, and intimidation.