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Sub. H. B. No. 606

A BILL

To enact sections 3320.05, 3320.06, 3320.07, 1
3320.08, 3333.80, 3333.801, and 4112.20 of the 2
Revised Code to enact the Campus Accountability 3
and Modernization to Protect University Students 4
"CAMPUS" Act regarding the prevention of racial, 5
religious, and ethnic harassment and 6
intimidation at institutions of higher 7
education, regarding antisemitism prevention 8
policies at state agencies, to establish 9
different campus safety and community programs, 10
and to make appropriations. 11

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3320.05, 3320.06, 3320.07, 12
3320.08, 3333.80, 3333.801, and 4112.20 of the Revised Code be 13
enacted to read as follows: 14

Sec. 3320.05. (A) As used in sections 3320.05 to 3320.08 15
of the Revised Code: 16

(1) "Harassment" has the same meaning as in section 17



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3345.0211 of the Revised Code. 18

(2) "Institution of higher education" means any of the 19
following: 20

(a) A state institution of higher education as defined in 21
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code; 22

(b) An institution holding a certificate of registration 23
from the state board of career colleges and schools and program 24
authorization for an associate or bachelor's degree program 25
issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code; 26

(c) A private institution exempt from regulation under 27
Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 28
3333.046 of the Revised Code. 29

(3) "Intimidation" means the violation of ethnic 30
intimidation described in section 2927.12 of the Revised Code. 31

(4) "Private nonprofit institution of higher education" 32
means a nonprofit institution holding a certificate of 33
authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code. 34

(B) Each institution of higher education shall adopt and 35
enforce a policy regarding racial, religious, and ethnic 36
harassment and intimidation at the institution. The policy shall 37
include: 38

(1) The provision of training for all institution 39
administration, faculty, and staff, which shall include 40
information on how to respond to hate incidents or incidents of 41
harassment that occur during a class or event held at the 42
institution at the time the incident occurs. This training may 43
be provided online. 44

(2) Procedures for accepting and investigating student 45

complaints and allegations of racial, religious, or ethnic 46
harassment or intimidation against any student, staff, or 47
faculty member. The procedure shall include: 48

(a) An option to submit complaints and report threats 49
anonymously; 50

(b) Potential disciplinary actions that may be taken after 51
an investigation is conducted; 52

(c) At the conclusion of an investigation, any mandatory 53
communications, regardless of whether disciplinary action is 54
taken. These communications may include educational information 55
on the institution's policy against racial, religious, and 56
ethnic harassment and intimidation. 57

(C) Each institution of higher education shall ensure 58
that, to the extent possible and as needed, its campus security 59
and police department, if the institution has one, collaborate 60
with local law enforcement, the state highway patrol, and 61
student communities to provide security functions for 62
institutionally sanctioned student organizations that face 63
threats of terror attack or hate crimes. 64

(D) Each institution of higher education shall create a 65
campus task force on combating antisemitism, Islamophobia, and 66
hatred, harassment, bullying, or violence toward others on the 67
basis of their perceived or actual religious identity at the 68
institution. 69

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed to diminish 70
or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment 71
to the United States Constitution, Article I, Sections 3 and 11 72
of the Ohio Constitution, or noncommercial expressive activity 73
as defined in section 3345.0212 of the Revised Code. 74

Sec. 3320.06. (A) Each private nonprofit institution of 75
higher education shall adopt and enforce a policy regarding 76
racial and ethnic harassment and intimidation at the 77
institution. The policy shall include: 78

(1) The provision of training for all institution 79
administration, faculty, and staff, which shall include 80
information on how to respond to hate incidents or incidents of 81
harassment that occur during a class or event held at the 82
institution at the time the incident occurs. This training may 83
be provided online. 84

(2) Procedures for accepting and investigating student 85
complaints and allegations of racial or ethnic harassment or 86
intimidation against any student, staff, or faculty member. The 87
procedure shall include: 88

(a) An option to submit complaints and report threats 89
anonymously; 90

(b) Potential disciplinary actions that may be taken after 91
an investigation is conducted; 92

(c) At the conclusion of an investigation, any mandatory 93
communications, regardless of whether disciplinary action is 94
taken. These communications may include educational information 95
on the institution's policy against racial and ethnic harassment 96
and intimidation. 97

(B) Each private nonprofit institution of higher education 98
shall ensure that, to the extent possible and as needed, its 99
campus security and police department, if the institution has 100
one, collaborate with local law enforcement, the state highway 101
patrol, and student communities to provide security functions 102
consistent with institutional policies for institutionally 103

sanctioned student organizations that face threats of terror 104
attacks or hate crimes. 105

(C) Each private nonprofit institution of higher education 106
shall create a campus task force on combating antisemitism, 107
Islamophobia, and hatred, harassment, bullying, or violence 108
toward others. 109

(D) In the event of a conflict between any provision of 110
this section and the United States Constitution, any other 111
provision of federal law applicable to nonprofit institutions of 112
higher education, or Article I, Sections 3 and 11 of the Ohio 113
Constitution, the other provision of law controls. 114

Sec. 3320.07. Each institution of higher education and 115
private nonprofit institution of higher education shall submit 116
an annual report to the chancellor of all harassment and 117
intimidation reports submitted to the federal government 118
consistent with the "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security 119
Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," 20 U.S.C. 1092(f). 120

Sec. 3320.08. Each state institution of higher education, 121
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall 122
publicize on its web site any time, place, or manner 123
restrictions it places on expressive activities, as defined in 124
section 3345.0211 of the Revised Code. 125

Sec. 3333.80. (A) As used in this section, "institution of 126
higher education" means the following: 127

(1) A state institution of higher education as defined in 128
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code; 129

(2) A private college as defined in section 3365.01 of the 130
Revised Code. 131

(B) The chancellor of higher education shall establish and 132
administer the campus student safety grant program. Under the 133
program, the chancellor shall award grants to institutions of 134
higher education to enhance security measures and increase 135
student safety. The chancellor shall develop guidelines and 136
procedures for the program, including an application process, 137
criteria for awards, and a method to determine the distribution 138
of awards. Priority shall be given to institutions that 139
demonstrate increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, 140
hate crimes, or harassment toward students and institutionally 141
sanctioned student organizations at the institution. 142

Sec. 3333.801. (A) As used in this section, "institution 143
of higher education" means the following: 144

(1) A state institution of higher education as defined in 145
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code; 146

(2) A private college as defined in section 3365.01 of the 147
Revised Code. 148

(B) The chancellor of higher education shall establish and 149
administer the campus community grant program. Under the 150
program, the chancellor shall provide funding to institutionally 151
sanctioned student organizations at institutions of higher 152
education to support intergroup and interfaith outreach and 153
cultural competency between institutionally sanctioned student 154
organizations. The chancellor shall develop guidelines and 155
procedures for the program, including an application process, 156
criteria for awards, and a method to determine the distribution 157
of awards. 158

Sec. 4112.20. (A) As used in this section, "state agency" 159
means an organized body, office, board, authority, commission, 160

or agency established by the constitution or laws of the state 161
for the exercise of any governmental or quasi-governmental 162
function, regardless of the funding source for that entity. 163
"State agency" includes both of the following: 164

(1) The nonprofit corporation formed under section 187.01 165
of the Revised Code and any subsidiary of that corporation; 166

(2) Any state retirement system or retirement program 167
established by the Revised Code. 168

(B) Each state agency employing fifty or more employees 169
shall adopt a policy for the prevention of antisemitism. 170

Section 2. (A) The Chancellor of Higher Education shall 171
establish a committee on combating antisemitism, Islamophobia, 172
and other forms of racial, religious, and ethnic harassment and 173
intimidation. The committee shall develop a model policy, 174
guidance, best practices, and recommendations for further action 175
for policies described under division (B) of section 3320.05 of 176
the Revised Code. The committee shall consist of representatives 177
from each of the following: 178

(1) Legal counsel from institutions of higher education; 179

(2) Offices of student life from institutions of higher 180
education; 181

(3) Institutionally sanctioned student organizations from 182
institutions of higher education; 183

(4) The Inter-University Council of Ohio; 184

(5) The Ohio Association of Community Colleges; 185

(6) Organizations representing faith-based communities; 186

(7) Organizations representing racial and ethnic 187

communities;	188
(8) Any other stakeholders determined appropriate by the Chancellor.	189 190
(B) The model policy, guidance, best practices, and recommendations for further action developed under this section shall include all of the following:	191 192 193
(1) A review of current investigation procedures and recommendations to increase transparency of the process and outcome that is allowable under existing state and federal laws;	194 195 196
(2) Model training requirements that provide information on how to respond to hate crimes or incidents of racial, religious, or ethnic harassment or intimidation during a class or event held at the institution at the time the incident occurs. The training shall be for all institution administration, faculty, and staff employed by an institution.	197 198 199 200 201 202
(3) Best practices for collaboration with local, state, and federal law enforcement to enhance security functions for students that face threats of terror attack and hate crimes;	203 204 205
(4) A framework to promote an institution's conduct policies;	206 207
(5) Recommended definitions for institutions of higher education to incorporate in policies adopted under section 3320.05 of the Revised Code;	208 209 210
(6) Model procedures for investigating student complaints submitted under division (B) (2) of section 3320.05 of the Revised Code including communication to students on complaints submitted to institutions.	211 212 213 214
(C) Not later than the first day of July immediately	215

following the effective date of this section, the Chancellor 216
shall issue a report that includes the model policy, guidance, 217
best practices, and recommendations for further action developed 218
by the committee. The Chancellor shall submit the report to the 219
Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and 220
the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. 221

Section 3. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 222
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 223
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 224
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 225
2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 226
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 227
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 228

Section 4. 229

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A	BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	235475	Campus Security Support Program	\$0	\$2,000,000
D	GRF	235476	Campus Student Safety Grant Program	\$0	\$1,000,000
E	GRF	2355A3	Campus Community Grant Program	\$0	\$1,000,000
F	TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund		\$0	\$4,000,000

G TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$0 \$4,000,000

CAMPUS SECURITY SUPPORT PROGRAM 231

The foregoing appropriation item 235475, Campus Security 232
Support Program, shall be distributed by the Chancellor of 233
Higher Education to institutionally sanctioned student 234
organizations affiliated with communities that are at risk for 235
increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, 236
or harassment to enhance security measures and increase student 237
safety at institutions of higher education throughout the state. 238
A portion of the foregoing appropriation item 235475, Campus 239
Security Support Program, may be used by the Chancellor to 240
administer the program. 241

CAMPUS STUDENT SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM 242

The foregoing appropriation item 235476, Campus Student 243
Safety Grant Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher 244
Education to support the Campus Student Safety Grant Program 245
pursuant to section 3333.80 of the Revised Code. 246

CAMPUS COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM 247

The foregoing appropriation item 2355A3, Campus Community 248
Grant Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher 249
Education to support the Campus Community Grant Program pursuant 250
to section 3333.801 of the Revised Code. 251

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 252
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 253
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 254
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 255
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 256
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 257

accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all	258
applicable provisions of, H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.	259
Section 6. This act shall be known as the Campus	260
Accountability and Modernization to Protect University Students	261
or "CAMPUS" Act.	262