

2024 New Jersey Antisemitism Bill Package Sheet

This packet contains information on what these bills do and how you can support their passage into law in New Jersey by writing and calling your legislator.

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NJ Senate Bill 1292 & NJ Assembly Bill 3558

S1292 (Sponsored by Senator Beach) & A3558 (Sponsored by Assemblyman Schaer) would accomplish the following:

- **Create a clear definition of antisemitism in New Jersey based on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition.**
- Calls on the State of New Jersey to utilize this definition to determine whether an alleged act was motivated by antisemitic intent.
- Calls on the Office of the Attorney General to establish a public-funded awareness campaign that promotes bias crime reporting in New Jersey. This awareness campaign would include, but is not limited to providing community outreach, training on how to identify and report bias crimes, and provide and disseminate information to the public about the resources available through the NJ Bias Crimes Reporting Unit, including the bias crime reporting hotline.

What is NJ Senate Bill S2937?

S2937 (introduced by Senators Beach and Johnson) would accomplish the following:

- **Require definitions of Antisemitism (IHRA) and Islamophobia (UN) be included in the State's diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging policies, and in any such policy for recipients of State's funds.**

What is NJ Assembly Bill A3560?

A3560 – Recognizing swatting – a false public alarm when the alarm involves a church, synagogue, temple, or other place of public worship - as a crime in New Jersey.

- A3560 would establish a 2nd degree offense for targeting a house of worship with a false public alarm. A 2nd degree crime is punishable by a term of 5-10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$150,000, or both.

What is NJ Assembly Bill A3561?

A3561- Recognizing doxing as a crime in New Jersey. A person would commit the crime of doxing if they were to knowingly disclose personal identifying information of another person online without that person's consent with the purpose of subjecting them to fear for their own safety.

Who to Contact and How to Support these Bills?

1. **Use this link** <https://www.voterve.net/JFNJ/Campaigns/110515/Respond>
2. **Call or write the Senate President and State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee Chair to Show Support for S1292 and S2937**
 - a. Senate President Nick Scutari - (732) 827-7480 (senscutari@njleg.org)
 - i. Office Address: 67 Walnut Ave., Clark, NJ 07066
 - b. Committee Chair and Sponsor Senator James Beach
 - i. Senator James Beach – ([856 429-1572](tel:8564291572)) (senbeach@njleg.org)
 - a. Office Address: 221 Laurel Road, Suite 105, Voorhees, NJ 08043
3. **Call or write the Assembly Speaker and Assembly Sponsors**
 - a. Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin -
 - i. Office Address: 569 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ 07095
 - b. Sponsor Assemblyman Gary Schaer
 - i. Office Address: 1 Howe Avenue, Suite 401, Passaic, NJ 07055



State Senate & Assembly Call Script

GREETING: Hello, my name is _____, and I am calling today because I am asking you to sign onto and vote YES on the Antisemitism legislation bill package introduced by Assemblyman Gary Schaer and Senator James Beach.

This bill package would establish a state definition of antisemitism for the state of New Jersey, a definition that has already been adopted and endorsed by the federal government, 30 states, and over 1,100 global entities.

With the rampant rise in antisemitism, we have encountered here in New Jersey, it has never been more important to adopt this definition and make sure our institutions are given the tools to stem both criminal conduct, as well as discriminatory acts motivated by antisemitism.

[If a Senator] Additionally, I am asking you to sign onto S2937 to require definitions of Antisemitism and Islamophobia be included in state DEI policies. These definitions will foster more inclusive environments, in which all communities, regardless of race or religion can be represented fairly in these discussions,

[If an Assembly Member] Additionally, I am asking you to sign onto A3560 & A3561 – recognizing doxing and swatting as crimes in New Jersey. Swatting and doxing are dangerous tactics used to intimidate and harm individuals (and our religious institutions in the case of swatting), often with severe consequences. By recognizing these acts as crimes, we can ensure justice for victims and deter future incidents.

CLOSE: Your support is critical in pushing these bills forward and making New Jersey a safer and more inclusive state for all. Thank you and I look forward to your response. Have a good day.

(End Call)

Letter To Elected Officials

RE: [In support of Antisemitism Legislation in State Legislature]

Dear Hon. _____:

My name is _____, and I am a constituent of District _____ writing to ask for your support for the Antisemitism Bill Package that is being considered in both chambers of the New Jersey legislature. This bill package, introduced by Assemblyman Schaer and Senator Beach, includes the following:

1. A3558/S1292 - Establishing a Definition of Antisemitism for the State of New Jersey based on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition
2. S2937 - Require definitions of Antisemitism and Islamophobia be included in the State's DEI and belonging policies
3. A3560 – Recognizing Swatting as a crime in New Jersey
4. A3561 – Recognizing Doxing as a crime in New Jersey

We are witnessing an unprecedented rise in antisemitism here in New Jersey, especially since in the aftermath of the October 7th attacks on Israel. Our community feels less safe by the day as our leaders fail to do more to protect our Jewish residents and institutions from hate incidents. This bill package takes a proactive approach to stymieing the growing tides of hate we are experiencing in our state.

I once again ask that you act now and help support the Jewish community in this grim time. You have a duty to protect your constituents from violence and hate, and this is a moment in time to fulfill that sacred obligation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
