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Senate Unanimously Approves Anti-Semitism Awareness Act

On Dec. 1, the Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan bill that presents guidelines for the definition of anti-Semitism to be considered by the Department of Education during anti-discrimination investigations into violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Authored by Sens. Tim Scott (R-SC) and Bob Casey (D-PA), the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act of 2016 (S. 10) addresses the “sharp increase” of anti-Semitic incidents occurring on college campuses throughout the country. In the House, Reps. Peter Roskam (R-IL) and Ted Deutch (D-FL) introduced similar legislation (H.R. 6421) regarding the implementation of federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities related to anti-Semitism.

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