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Anti-Semitism Awareness Act of 2016

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Dec 22, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]

Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 1, 2016
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Dec 1, 2016
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Dec 1, 2016
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Dec 1, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 22, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6421	Identical bill	Dec 22, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

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This bill requires the Department of Education, when reviewing whether there has been a violation of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance) based on an individual's actual or perceived shared Jewish ancestry or Jewish ethnic characteristics, to consider the definition of "anti-Semitism" as part of its assessment of whether the alleged practice was motivated by anti-Semitic intent.

For purposes of this bill, the definition of "anti-Semitism" is the definition set forth by the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism of the Department of State in the Fact Sheet issued on June 8, 2010, as adapted from the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism of the European Monitoring Center on Racism and Xenophobia (now known as the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights).

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Dec 2, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 2, 2016:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 2, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6649-6650; text as passed Senate: CR S6650)
- **Dec 1, 2016:** Introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6649-6650; text as passed Senate: CR S6650)