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House Education Committee Passes Rep. Michael Way's "Antisemitism in Education Act"

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Arizona House Education Committee on Tuesday passed HB2867, the Antisemitism in Education Act, sponsored by State Representative Michael Way. This important legislation prohibits Arizona's public schools and state agencies from promoting antisemitic conduct or rhetoric and establishes strict penalties for violations.

"Our schools should be places of learning, not breeding grounds for hatred and discrimination," said Representative Way. **"Arizona has zero tolerance for antisemitism, and this bill ensures that our classrooms are free from the toxic ideology that fuels division and hostility. No teacher, administrator, or student should be forced to endorse or participate in any form of antisemitic conduct. This legislation sends a clear message—there will be consequences for those who violate these fundamental principles."**

HB2867 enforces clear prohibitions on using taxpayer dollars to fund antisemitic curricula or activities, ensures accountability for individuals and institutions that violate these protections, and empowers students, parents, and educators to report violations. It aligns with the internationally recognized IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, which the U.S. State Department has adopted as the standard for identifying and addressing antisemitic conduct.

The bill is a direct reflection of the House Republican Majority Plan's priority to promote public safety. Keeping schools free from discrimination and hostility ensures that every student can learn in a secure, respectful environment. The Majority Plan's commitment to protecting individual rights and liberties also guarantees that no teacher or student will be compelled to advocate for or against any political ideology as a requirement for coursework or employment.

"House Republicans are leading with action, not lip service. We're committed to protecting students and teachers from the kind of coercion and discrimination that have no place in Arizona's classrooms," said Representative Way. **"We will uphold fundamental American values—freedom, fairness, and safety. I'm proud to see this bill advance and look forward to its passage in the full House."**

HB2867 now moves to the full House for consideration.

Michael Way is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 15, which includes Mesa and Queen Creek in Maricopa County, and San Tan Valley in Pinal County. Follow him on X at @MichaelWayAZ.

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