Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 942 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status against a student or an employee at a state institution of higher education or a public school. It also prohibits individuals from being excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination on such basis in any institution of higher education or public school program or activity or employment conditions or practices. The bill also directs state institutions of higher education and public schools to integrate the definition of antisemitism provided in the bill into student, faculty, and employee codes of conduct. The measure directs the State Department of Education to designate a Title VI coordinator dedicated to monitoring antisemitic discrimination and harassment in public schools and investigating submitted complaints, and it directs the State Regents to designate a Title VI coordinator to monitor such actions and investigate complaints at institutions of higher education. If a coordinator determines a public school or institution of higher education did not address the complaint within 30 days of receiving a notice, the findings are to be reported to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice. The measure directs the Title VI coordinators to electronically submit a report to the Legislature by June 30, 2026, and each subsequent June 30.

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