



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB1160

Introduced 1/9/2025, by Rep. Chris Miller

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Protect the Flag Act. Provides that an institution of higher education that, pursuant to an official policy of the institution to prohibit the display of the flag of the United States by the institution, removes, censors, takes down, prohibits, or otherwise halts display of the flag of the United States is ineligible to receive State funds for the following fiscal year until the institution reports to the General Assembly and the Board of Higher Education the complete and proper reinstatement, by the institution in its official capacity, of the flag of the United States at any and all locations on campus property from which a previously displayed flag of the United States was removed, censored, taken down, prohibited, or otherwise halted from display pursuant to an official policy of the institution to prohibit the display of the flag of the United States by the institution.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Protect the Flag Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act, "institution
7 of higher education" means a publicly or privately operated
8 university or college in this State, a publicly or privately
9 operated business, technical, or vocational school in this
10 State, or any other publicly or privately operated educational
11 institution offering degrees and instruction beyond the
12 secondary school level in this State.

13 Section 10. Restriction on funding. An institution of
14 higher education that, pursuant to an official policy of the
15 institution of higher education to prohibit the display of the
16 flag of the United States by the institution of higher
17 education, removes, censors, takes down, prohibits, or
18 otherwise halts display of the flag of the United States is
19 ineligible to receive State funds until the institution of
20 higher education reports to the General Assembly and the Board
21 of Higher Education the complete and proper reinstatement, by
22 the institution of higher education in its official capacity,

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2 campus property from which a previously displayed flag of the
3 United States was removed, censored, taken down, prohibited,
4 or otherwise halted from display pursuant to an official
5 policy of the institution of higher education to prohibit the
6 display of the flag of the United States by the institution of
7 higher education.