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Labor, and Pensions

AN ACT

To ensure that parents are aware of foreign influence in
their child's public school, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Transparency in Re-
3 porting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act” or
4 the “TRACE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN INFLU-**
6 **ENCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title VIII
8 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
9 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
10 the following:

11 **“SEC. 8549D. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN**
12 **INFLUENCE.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving funds
14 under this Act, a local educational agency shall ensure
15 that each elementary school and each secondary school
16 served by such agency provides to each parent of a child
17 attending the school, at a minimum—

18 “(1) the right (in a manner consistent with
19 copyright law) to review, and make copies of free of
20 cost, at least every four weeks and not later than 30
21 days after submission of a written request by the
22 parent, any curricular material or professional devel-
23 opment material used at the school that was pur-
24 chased, or otherwise obtained, using funds received
25 from the government of a foreign country or a for-
26 eign entity of concern;

1 “(2) the right to know, by written response pro-
2 vided not later than 30 days after submission of a
3 written request by the parent, how many personnel
4 of the school are compensated, in whole or in part,
5 using funds received from the government of a for-
6 eign country or a foreign entity of concern; and

7 “(3) the right to know, by written response pro-
8 vided not later than 30 days after submission of a
9 written request by the parent, of—

10 “(A) any donation received by the school
11 or local educational agency from a foreign coun-
12 try or a foreign entity of concern;

13 “(B) any agreement in writing (such as a
14 contract or memorandum of understanding) be-
15 tween the school or local educational agency
16 and a foreign country or a foreign entity of con-
17 cern; and

18 “(C) any financial transaction between the
19 school or local educational agency and a foreign
20 country or a foreign entity of concern.

21 “(b) DONATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND FINANCIAL
22 TRANSACTIONS.—The information described in subsection
23 (a)(3) shall include, at minimum, the following:

24 “(1) The name of the foreign country or foreign
25 entity of concern.

1 “(2) In any case in which funds were received
2 by the school or local educational agency from a for-
3 foreign country or a foreign entity of concern—

4 “(A) the amount of such funds; and

5 “(B) any terms or conditions applicable to
6 the receipt of such funds.

7 “(c) NOTICE OF RIGHTS.—At the beginning of each
8 school year, a local educational agency receiving funds
9 under this Act shall ensure that each elementary school
10 and each secondary school served by such agency posts
11 on a publicly accessible website of the school or, if the
12 school does not operate a website, widely disseminates to
13 the public, a summary notice of the rights of parents de-
14 scribed in subsections (a) and (b).

15 “(d) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—At the be-
16 ginning of each school year, the Secretary shall notify
17 State educational agencies about the requirements of this
18 section. As a condition of receiving funds under this Act,
19 State educational agencies shall, at the beginning of each
20 school year, notify local educational agencies of the re-
21 quirements of this section.

22 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) The term ‘foreign country’ means a for-
24 foreign country or a dependent territory or possession

1 of a foreign country. Such term does not include any
2 of the outlying areas.

3 “(2) The term ‘foreign entity of concern’ has
4 the meaning given such term in section 10612(a) of
5 the Research and Development, Competition, and
6 Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19221(a)).”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
8 section 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
9 of 1965 is amended by inserting after the item relating
10 to section 8549C the following:

“Sec. 8549D. Parents’ right to know about foreign influence.”.

Passed the House of Representatives December 4,
2025.

Attest:

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Clerk.