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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, 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 “DHS Restrictions on
3 Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES’ HOST**
6 **SCHOOLS.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) CHINESE ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
9 “Chinese entity of concern” means any university or
10 college in the People’s Republic of China that—

11 (A) is involved in the implementation of
12 military-civil fusion;

13 (B) participates in the Chinese defense in-
14 dustrial base;

15 (C) is affiliated with the Chinese State Ad-
16 ministration for Science, Technology and Indus-
17 try for the National Defense;

18 (D) receives funding from any organization
19 subordinate to the Central Military Commission
20 of the Chinese Communist Party;

21 (E) provides support to any security, de-
22 fense, police, or intelligence organization of the
23 Government of the People’s Republic of China
24 or the Chinese Communist Party;

25 (F) purposefully undermines the United
26 States’ relationship with Taiwan;

1 (G) aids, abets, or enables the detention,
2 imprisonment, persecution, or forced labor of
3 Uyghur Muslims in the People’s Republic of
4 China;

5 (H) willfully and knowingly engages in ma-
6 licious activities, including online disinformation
7 campaigns and propaganda, for the purpose of
8 interfering with United States Federal, State,
9 or local elections; or

10 (I) is affiliated with the Chinese Academy
11 of Sciences.

12 (2) CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.—The term “Confu-
13 cius Institute” means a cultural institute funded by
14 the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

15 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
16 term “institution of higher education” has the
17 meaning given such term in section 102 of the High-
18 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

19 (4) RELATIONSHIP.—The term “relationship”
20 means, with respect to an institution of higher edu-
21 cation, any contract awarded, or agreement entered
22 into, as well as any in-kind donation or gift, received
23 from a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of con-
24 cern.

1 (5) THOUSAND TALENTS PROGRAM.—The term
2 “Thousand Talents Program” means any techno-
3 logical or educational program funded or adminis-
4 tered by the Chinese Communist Party’s Ministry of
5 Industry and Information Technology.

6 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
7 EDUCATION.—Beginning with the first fiscal year that be-
8 gins after the date that is 12 months after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
10 curity shall ensure that an institution of higher education
11 (referred to in this subsection as an “institution”) which
12 has a relationship with a Confucius Institute, Thousand
13 Talents Program, or Chinese entity of concern is ineligible
14 to receive any funds from the Department of Homeland
15 Security, unless the institution terminates the relationship
16 between the institution and such Confucius Institute,
17 Thousand Talents Program, or Chinese entity of concern,
18 as the case may be. Upon termination of such a relation-
19 ship, the institution at issue shall be eligible to receive
20 funds from the Department of Homeland Security.

21 (c) WAIVER.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
23 Security may, after consultation with the Director of
24 National Intelligence, on a case-by-case basis and for
25 a period not to exceed one year, waive the applica-

tion of subsection (b) with respect to an institution of higher education if the Secretary determines the institution at issue maintains robust safeguards and enforcement protocols to monitor the relationship at issue, including active measures to detect and deter attempts by Chinese nationals affiliated with a Confucius Institute, Thousand Talents Program, or Chinese entity of concern that is the subject of such relationship to gain unauthorized access to sensitive research, data, or federally funded development activities conducted at or on the premises of, or by, such institution, and either of the following conditions is satisfied:

(A) The relationship at issue is in the national security interests of the United States.

(B) The relationship at issue does not present a direct or indirect national security risk to the United States or its allies.

(2) RENEWAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may, after consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, annually renew a waiver issued pursuant to paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines all of the conditions described in such paragraph continue to be satisfied.

1 (3) EFFECTIVE DATES.—A waiver issued or re-
2 newed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2), respec-
3 tively, takes effect and applies beginning on the date
4 that is 30 days after such issuance or renewal, as
5 the case may be.

6 (4) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary of Home-
7 land Security, after consultation with the Director of
8 National Intelligence, issues or renews a waiver pur-
9 suant to paragraph (1) or (2), respectively, not later
10 than 30 days before such issuance or renewal, as the
11 case may be, takes effect, the Secretary shall submit
12 to the Committee on Homeland Security of the
13 House of Representatives and the Committee on
14 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the
15 Senate written notification regarding such issuance
16 or renewal, including a justification relating thereto.

17 (d) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
18 rity shall provide outreach and, upon request, technical as-
19 sistance to institutions of higher education relating to
20 compliance with this Act.

21 (e) REPORTS.—Not later than 18 months after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter,
23 the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the
24 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives and the Committee on Homeland Security

1 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a report regard-
2 ing implementation of this section during the immediately
3 preceding 12 month period. Each such report shall include
4 information relating to the following:

5 (1) Any institution of higher education that has
6 a relationship with a Confucius Institute, Thousand
7 Talents Program, or Chinese entity of concern and
8 receives funds from the Department of Homeland
9 Security.

10 (2) The implementation of subsections (b), (c),
11 and (d).

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Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.