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To deepen the peaceful business and cultural engagement of the United States and the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To deepen the peaceful business and cultural engagement of the United States and the People's Republic of China, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “United States-People's Republic of China Cultural En-
6 gagement Act”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings; purpose.

TITLE I—CHINESE LANGUAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Sec. 101. Short title.
- Sec. 102. Chinese language and cultural studies grants.

TITLE II—PUBLIC SCHOOL CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

- Sec. 201. Short title.
- Sec. 202. Definitions.
- Sec. 203. Elementary school and middle school Chinese language and cultural studies instruction expansion.
- Sec. 204. School language technology enhancement.

TITLE III—SECONDARY SCHOOL CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION EXPANSION

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Sense of Congress regarding benefit of exposure to Chinese language and culture.
- Sec. 303. Programs for Chinese language and cultural studies instruction.

TITLE IV—POSTSECONDARY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

- Sec. 401. Short title.
- Sec. 402. United States-People's Republic of China international consortia exchange program.
- Sec. 403. Expansion of Asian international business education center programs.
- Sec. 404. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE V—CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT AWARENESS PROGRAMS

- Sec. 501. Short title.
- Sec. 502. Cultural and entertainment awareness programs.

TITLE VI—EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- Sec. 601. Short title.

Subtitle A—Exchange Programs

- Sec. 611. Definitions.
- Sec. 612. Physical and virtual exchanges.
- Sec. 613. Assistance to nongovernmental organizations.
- Sec. 614. Exchanges under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961.
- Sec. 615. Local government officials.
- Sec. 616. Rulemaking authority.

Subtitle B—Report on United States-People's Republic of China Friendship Volunteers

- Sec. 621. Report on United States-People's Republic of China Friendship Volunteers in the People's Republic of China.

TITLE VII—POLICIES FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- Sec. 701. Short title.
- Sec. 702. Definitions.
- Sec. 703. Sense of Congress regarding negotiating approved destination status.
- Sec. 704. Consular services in the People's Republic of China.
- Sec. 705. Information regarding visa procedures.
- Sec. 706. Feasibility study programs.
- Sec. 707. Visa requirements for secondary school exchanges.

TITLE VIII—UNITED STATES-PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

- Sec. 801. Short title.
- Sec. 802. Commercial service staffing increase.
- Sec. 803. Export assistance center.
- Sec. 804. Trade outreach at Lead Small Business Development Centers.

TITLE IX—UNITED STATES-PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY COUNCIL

- Sec. 901. United States-People's Republic of China Engagement Strategy Council.
- Sec. 902. Duties of the Council.
- Sec. 903. Powers.
- Sec. 904. Council personnel matters.
- Sec. 905. Authorization of appropriations.

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
3 ings:

4 (1) The relationship between the United States
5 and the People's Republic of China will dominate
6 worldwide economic and noneconomic policies in the
7 21st century.

8 (2) The People's Republic of China, having a
9 vast consumer market and a productive, entrepre-
10 neurial labor force, offers the United States a
11 unique investment opportunity to secure future eco-
12 nomic growth and world security.

13 (3) It is in the best interests of the People's Re-
14 public of China and the United States to increase

1 the number of economic and cultural exchanges be-
2 tween the countries for the purpose of maintaining
3 a stable relationship and providing a greater oppor-
4 tunity for economic growth for both nations.

5 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to expand
6 academic, cultural, and business outreach activities to in-
7 crease the knowledge and expertise of Chinese language
8 and culture so as to create a reservoir of individuals with
9 the cultural erudition to constructively engage the People’s
10 Republic of China as it becomes more influential in world
11 affairs. The enactment of this Act will be the beginning
12 of a stronger and more enduring friendship between the
13 United States and the People’s Republic of China.

14 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—This Act shall be adminis-
15 tered under the framework agreed to in the Joint Commu-
16 nique of the United States of America and the People’s
17 Republic of China, issued at Shanghai February 28, 1972,
18 the Joint Communique on the Establishment of Diplo-
19 matic Relations Between the United States of America
20 and the People’s Republic of China, issued January 1,
21 1979, and the Joint Communique of the United States
22 and the People’s Republic of China, issued August 17,
23 1982.

24 (d) BACKGROUND FOR INCLUDING THE NAMES OF
25 FAMOUS CHINESE TRAILBLAZERS IN SHORT TITLES.—

1 The purpose in providing the short titles used in this Act
2 is to honor famous Chinese and American individuals by
3 naming the programs established by this Act after those
4 individuals. The choice of these individuals is based on
5 their importance to the history of the People's Republic
6 of China and its relationship with the United States.
7 These individuals include the following:

8 (1) DU FU.—Du Fu, who lived during the Tang
9 Dynasty, is considered to be one of the greatest Chi-
10 nese poets. He was a keen observer of the political
11 and social scene, a chronicler of everyday life, a hu-
12 manitarian and historian, a man with infinite love
13 for humanity who criticized injustice wherever he
14 found it. He wrote vivid and passionate portrayals of
15 human suffering and expressed bitterness in the face
16 of corruption. He championed other poverty-stricken
17 scholars. He excelled in all verse forms, transcending
18 all rules and regulations in prosody while conforming
19 to and exploiting them.

20 (2) WANG XIZHI.—Wang Xizhi is considered by
21 many to be one of the greatest calligraphers in Chi-
22 nese history. Also known as the “Sage of Callig-
23 raphy”, Wang is remembered for revolutionizing the
24 art form. Born in the Eastern Jin Dynasty in 303,
25 Wang started studying the most basic style of callig-

1 raphy, zheng, at the age of seven. By the time he
2 was 41, Wang had developed his own style of writing
3 called xing calligraphy, which is characterized by its
4 free-flowing and nontraditional nature. With his new
5 style, Wang was able to more easily express his own
6 emotions and moods through his writing. Wang is
7 now considered a model of Chinese diligence and
8 hard work. He is famous for being so absorbed by
9 his work that he would often go for days without
10 eating or sleeping.

11 (3) ZHENG HE.—Zheng He lived during the
12 Ming Dynasty. Zheng He sailed to 37 countries in
13 the South Pacific, Indian Ocean, Taiwan, Persian
14 Gulf, and Africa in 7 epic voyages from 1405 to
15 1433, some 80 years before Columbus. He sailed
16 around the tip of Africa into the Atlantic with a
17 fleet larger than the combined fleets of all of Eu-
18 rope. He built more than 1,600 ships and com-
19 manded a fleet of 300 ships with nearly 40,000 sail-
20 ors. His “treasury ship” was a 9-masted vessel 400
21 feet long, 6 times the size of Columbus’ largest ship.
22 Zheng’s journeys also stimulated a number of impor-
23 tant maritime inventions, including central rudders,
24 watertight compartments and various new types of
25 sails.

1 (4) SUN YAT-SEN.—Sun Yat-Sen is recognized
2 as the founder of modern Chinese culture. Sun Yat-
3 Sen was a physician, revolutionary leader, and pa-
4 triot. Born to a peasant family in Southeast China
5 in 1866, he lived in Hawaii, earned his medical de-
6 gree in Hong Kong, and was baptized as a Chris-
7 tian. He fought the ruling Qing Dynasty, which
8 failed to defend China against foreign attack and oc-
9 cupation. He led several unsuccessful insurrections
10 against Qing’s rule and lived in exile in Europe, the
11 United States, Canada, and Japan. When the
12 Manchu Dynasty finally collapsed in 1911, ending
13 5,000 years of imperial rule, he was named the pro-
14 visional President of the new Chinese republic and
15 established an elected National Assembly. Later he
16 was elected President of a national government in
17 Guangdong province in southern China. His 3 Prin-
18 ciples of the People focus on peace, freedom, and
19 equality. He died in Beijing in 1925.

20 (5) ZHOU XINFANG.—Zhou Xinfang was born
21 in 1895. He was a Lao Sheng player in the Beijing
22 Opera and the founder of the Qi Style. His stage
23 name, Unicorn Boy Qiling Tong, which means 7-
24 year-old, was given to him because he made his first
25 stage appearance at the age of 7. From then on he

1 was the most famous figure of the Beijing opera. He
2 constantly upgraded his performances by learning
3 from other operas and developed a style all his own
4 that eventually won him a loyal following all over
5 China.

6 (6) CAI LUN.—Cai Lun lived around 105 A.D.
7 and is regarded as the inventor of paper. He was
8 born in Guiyang during the Eastern Han Dynasty,
9 and became a paperwork secretary of Emperor Hedi.
10 For papermaking, he tried materials like bark,
11 hemp, and even fishing net. His invention imme-
12 diately became widely used in China. In 751, some
13 Chinese paper makers were captured by Arabs after
14 Tang troops were annihilated in the Battle of Talas
15 River. The techniques of paper making then finally
16 spread to the West.

17 (7) IEOH MING PEI.—Ieoh Ming Pei had a pres-
18 tigious career as an architect, built on the founda-
19 tion of the beautiful, inspiring, and practical struc-
20 tures he so effortlessly brought to us. Pei was born
21 in China in 1917. Once 17, he embarked on his edu-
22 cational journey in the United States, receiving his
23 bachelor's degree in architecture from the Massachu-
24 setts Institute of Technology. He received many
25 awards and merits for his outstanding work. Years

1 after graduating from the Harvard Graduate School
2 of Design he founded the I. M. Pei & Associates
3 partnership. Pei won the 1983 International
4 Pritzker Architecture Prize, one of the most pres-
5 tigious individual awards for an architect. Pei has
6 lent his talents to many projects around the world
7 including the East Building of the National Gallery
8 of Art, Washington, D.C., Le Grand Louvre in
9 Paris, France, the Bank of China in Hong Kong,
10 the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library near Boston,
11 and the West Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts,
12 Boston.

13 (8) WANG WEI.—Wang Wei is known for his
14 delicate poems, calligraphy, and paintings. Wang
15 Wei used many forms of art to depict his views of
16 nature and the path to enlightenment. Wang, who
17 lived from 699 to 759 during the Tang era, was the
18 first master and founder of Southern Chinese land-
19 scape art, which is characterized by strong brush-
20 strokes contrasted with light ink washes. He typi-
21 cally did not include any human presence in his
22 works, which often take a Buddhist perspective. As
23 he longed for inner-tranquility, 2 images found com-
24 monly in his works are water and mist. After his

1 wife's death in 730, Wang established a Buddhist
 2 monastery on his own lands.

3 **TITLE I—CHINESE LANGUAGE**
 4 **INFRASTRUCTURE**

5 **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “Du Fu Chinese Lan-
 7 guage Education Enhancement Act”.

8 **SEC. 102. CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL STUDIES**
 9 **GRANTS.**

10 Part A of title VI of the Higher Education Act of
 11 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.) is amended—

12 (1) in section 602(a), by adding at the end the
 13 following:

14 “(5) AWARD FOR CHINESE CENTERS.—From
 15 amounts appropriated under section 610A(b) for a
 16 fiscal year, the Secretary shall award not less than
 17 10 grants to establish and maintain centers de-
 18 scribed in paragraph (1) that focus on Chinese lan-
 19 guage instruction.”;

20 (2) in section 603, by adding at the end the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 “(d) AWARDS FOR CHINESE CENTER.—From
 23 amounts appropriated under section 610A(b) for a fiscal
 24 year, the Secretary shall award 1 grant to establish and

1 maintain a center described in subsection (a) that focuses
2 on Chinese language and Chinese cultural studies.”;

3 (3) by redesignating section 610 as section
4 610A;

5 (4) by inserting after section 609 the following:

6 **“SEC. 610. CHINESE EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.**

7 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From amounts ap-
8 propriated under section 610A(b) for a fiscal year, the
9 Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities for the
10 purpose of enabling the eligible entities to assist elemen-
11 tary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher
12 education in the instruction of Chinese language and cul-
13 tural studies.

14 “(b) ALLOTMENTS.—The Secretary shall allot an
15 equal amount of the funds appropriated under section
16 610A(b) for a fiscal year to each eligible entity that sub-
17 mits an application, as required under subsection (c), that
18 is approved by the Secretary.

19 “(c) APPLICATION.—Each eligible entity desiring a
20 grant under this section shall submit an application to the
21 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and accompanied
22 by such additional information as the Secretary may re-
23 quire.

1 “(d) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—An eligible entity
2 receiving a grant under this section may use the grant
3 funds to carry out the following activities:

4 “(1) Locating and acquiring instructors for
5 Chinese language and cultural studies.

6 “(2) Devising course curricula and daily lesson
7 plans for studies in Chinese language and culture.

8 “(3) Providing other Chinese language and cul-
9 tural studies instructional assistance, materials, and
10 information as necessary.

11 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate
12 regulations necessary to carry out this section.

13 “(f) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this section, the term ‘el-
14 igible entity’ means a foreign language and area or inter-
15 national studies center supported under section 602(a) or
16 a national language resource and training center sup-
17 ported under section 603.”; and

18 (5) in section 610A (as redesignated by para-
19 graph (3))—

20 (A) by striking “There are” and inserting
21 the following:

22 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are”;

23 (B) by striking “this part” and inserting
24 “this part (other than sections 602(a)(5),
25 603(d), and 610)”;

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIA-
3 TIONS.—

4 “(1) SECTION 602(a)(5).—There are authorized
5 to be appropriated to carry out section 602(a)(5)
6 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, \$4,000,000 for fis-
7 cal year 2007, \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2008,
8 \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$1,000,000 for fis-
9 cal year 2010, \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and
10 such sums as are necessary for each succeeding fis-
11 cal year.

12 “(2) SECTION 603(d).—There are authorized to
13 be appropriated to carry out section 603(d)
14 \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, \$1,800,000 for fis-
15 cal year 2007, \$1,600,000 for fiscal year 2008,
16 \$1,400,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$1,200,000 for fis-
17 cal year 2010, \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and
18 such sums as are necessary for each succeeding fis-
19 cal year.

20 “(3) SECTION 610.—There are authorized to be
21 appropriated to carry out section 610 \$1,000,000
22 for fiscal year 2006, \$2,000,000 for fiscal year
23 2007, \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008
24 through 2011, and such sums as are necessary for
25 each succeeding fiscal year.

1 “(4) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
2 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
3 tion in this subsection shall remain available until
4 expended.”.

5 **TITLE II—PUBLIC SCHOOL CHI-**
6 **NESE LANGUAGE INSTRU-**
7 **CTION**

8 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “Wang Xizhi Public
10 School Chinese Language Instruction Improvement Act”.

11 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this title:

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The terms “elementary
14 school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary
15 school”, and “State educational agency” have the
16 meanings given such terms in section 9101 of the
17 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
18 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

19 (2) PHYSICAL EXCHANGE.—The term “physical
20 exchange” means an academic, professional, or cul-
21 tural exchange between the United States and the
22 People’s Republic of China that involves inter-
23 national travel.

24 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of Education.

1 (4) VIRTUAL EXCHANGE.—The term “virtual
2 exchange” means an academic, professional, or cul-
3 tural exchange between the United States and the
4 People’s Republic of China that does not involve
5 international travel.

6 **SEC. 203. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHI-**
7 **NESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL STUDIES**
8 **INSTRUCTION EXPANSION.**

9 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From amounts appro-
10 priated under subsection (e) for a fiscal year, the Sec-
11 retary shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to State
12 educational agencies and local educational agencies to
13 offer Chinese language and cultural studies for elementary
14 school and middle school students in the schools served
15 by the State educational agencies and local educational
16 agencies.

17 (b) APPLICATION.—Each State educational agency or
18 local educational agency desiring a grant under this sec-
19 tion shall submit an application to the Secretary at such
20 time, in such manner, and accompanied by such additional
21 information as the Secretary may require.

22 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A State educational agency or
23 local educational agency receiving a grant under this sec-
24 tion shall use the funds to provide Chinese language and
25 cultural studies for elementary school and middle school

1 students in the schools served by the State educational
2 agency or local educational agency.

3 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate
4 regulations necessary to carry out this section.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
7 appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000
8 for fiscal year 2006, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year
9 2007, \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008
10 through 2011, and such sums as are necessary for
11 each succeeding fiscal year.

12 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
13 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
14 tion in this subsection shall remain available until
15 expended.

16 **SEC. 204. SCHOOL LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY ENHANCE-**
17 **MENT.**

18 (a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From amounts appro-
19 priated under subsection (f) for a fiscal year, the Secretary
20 shall award grants to eligible educational agencies to ac-
21 quire communication technology or equipment to improve
22 Chinese language instruction in middle schools or sec-
23 ondary schools through computer-assisted instruction, dis-
24 tance learning, and virtual exchanges.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “eligible
2 educational agency” means a State educational agency or
3 local educational agency that has been awarded, for the
4 same fiscal year, a grant under section 203 enabling the
5 State educational agency or local educational agency to
6 offer middle school Chinese language and cultural studies.

7 (c) APPLICATION.—Each eligible educational agency
8 desiring a grant under this section shall submit an appli-
9 cation to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
10 accompanied by such additional information as the Sec-
11 retary may require.

12 (d) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this sec-
13 tion, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible edu-
14 cational agencies that will use grant funds to acquire com-
15 munication technology or equipment for the purpose of
16 conducting virtual exchanges involving secondary school
17 students served by the eligible educational agencies.

18 (e) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible educational agency
19 receiving a grant under this section shall use grant funds
20 to acquire communication technology or equipment that
21 shall be used primarily—

22 (1) for collaborative ventures and to commu-
23 nicate with—

24 (A) foreign language and area or inter-
25 national studies centers supported under section

1 602(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
2 (20 U.S.C. 1122(a)); or

3 (B) national language resource and train-
4 ing centers supported under section 603 of the
5 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
6 1123); or

7 (2) to conduct virtual exchanges with schools or
8 other educational institutions in the People's Repub-
9 lic of China.

10 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
12 appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000
13 for fiscal year 2006, \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal
14 years 2007 through 2010, \$10,000,000 for fiscal
15 year 2011, and such sums as are necessary for each
16 succeeding fiscal year.

17 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
18 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
19 tion in this subsection shall remain available until
20 expended.

1 **TITLE III—SECONDARY SCHOOL**
 2 **CHINESE LANGUAGE IN-**
 3 **STRUCTION EXPANSION**

4 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Zheng He Chinese
 6 Language Instruction Act”.

7 **SEC. 302. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING BENEFIT OF**
 8 **EXPOSURE TO CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CUL-**
 9 **TURE.**

10 It is the sense of Congress that an increase in the
 11 number of students who received substantial exposure to
 12 Chinese language and culture instruction before grad-
 13 uating from secondary school would be a great potential
 14 benefit to the United States.

15 **SEC. 303. PROGRAMS FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CUL-**
 16 **TURAL STUDIES INSTRUCTION.**

17 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The terms “elementary
 19 school”, “local educational agency”, “professional
 20 development”, “secondary school”, and “State edu-
 21 cational agency” have the meanings given such
 22 terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Sec-
 23 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

24 (2) PHYSICAL EXCHANGE.—The term “physical
 25 exchange” means an academic, professional, or cul-

1 tural exchange between the United States and the
2 People’s Republic of China that involves inter-
3 national travel.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Education.

6 (b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized
8 to make grants, on a competitive basis, to State edu-
9 cational agencies or local educational agencies to
10 carry out innovative model programs providing for
11 the establishment, improvement, or expansion of
12 Chinese language and cultural studies instruction for
13 elementary school and secondary school students.

14 (2) DURATION.—Each grant under paragraph
15 (1) shall be awarded for a period of 3 years.

16 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (1) GRANTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
18 CIES.—In awarding a grant under subsection (b) to
19 a State educational agency, the Secretary shall sup-
20 port programs that promote systemic approaches to
21 improving Chinese language learning in the State.

22 (2) GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGEN-
23 CIES.—In awarding a grant under subsection (b) to
24 a local educational agency, the Secretary shall sup-
25 port programs that—

1 (A) demonstrate approaches that can be
2 disseminated and duplicated in other local edu-
3 cational agencies; and

4 (B) may include a professional develop-
5 ment component.

6 (d) RESERVATION.—The Secretary may reserve not
7 more than .05 percent of funds made available under sub-
8 section (f) to evaluate the efficacy of the programs funded
9 under this section.

10 (e) APPLICATIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any State educational agen-
12 cy or local educational agency desiring a grant under
13 this section shall submit an application to the Sec-
14 retary at such time, in such manner, and accom-
15 panied by such additional information as the Sec-
16 retary may require.

17 (2) SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—In awarding
18 grants under this section, the Secretary shall give
19 special consideration to applications describing pro-
20 grams that—

21 (A) include intensive summer Chinese lan-
22 guage programs for professional development,
23 especially such programs that include physical
24 exchanges;

1 (B) link speakers in the community who
2 are bilingual in English and Chinese with the
3 schools in order to promote 2-way language
4 learning;

5 (C) promote the sequential study of Chi-
6 nese language for students, beginning in ele-
7 mentary schools;

8 (D) make effective use of technology, such
9 as computer-assisted instruction, language lab-
10 oratories, or distance learning, to promote Chi-
11 nese language study;

12 (E) promote innovative activities, such as
13 Chinese language immersion, partial Chinese
14 language immersion, or content-based instruc-
15 tion; and

16 (F) are carried out through a consortium
17 comprised of the agency receiving the grant and
18 an elementary school or secondary school.

19 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
21 appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000
22 for fiscal year 2006, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year
23 2007, \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008
24 through 2011, and such sums as are necessary for
25 each succeeding fiscal year.

1 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
 2 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
 3 tion in this subsection shall remain available until
 4 expended.

5 **TITLE IV—POSTSECONDARY**
 6 **EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

7 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This title may be cited as the “Sun Yat-Sen Postsec-
 9 ondary Exchange Act”.

10 **SEC. 402. UNITED STATES-PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

11 **INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIA EXCHANGE**
 12 **PROGRAM.**

13 Part B of title VII of the Higher Education Act of
 14 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1138 et seq.) is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating section 745 as section 746;

16 (2) by inserting after section 744 the following:

17 **“SEC. 745. UNITED STATES-PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

18 **INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIA EXCHANGE**
 19 **PROGRAM.**

20 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—From amounts ap-
 21 propriated under section 746(b) for a fiscal year, the Di-
 22 rector shall make grants to institutions of higher edu-
 23 cation, or consortia of institutions of higher education, to
 24 establish and maintain international consortia exchange

1 programs between postsecondary educational institutions
2 in the People’s Republic of China and the United States.

3 “(b) APPLICATION.—Each institution of higher edu-
4 cation or consortium desiring a grant under this section
5 shall submit an application to the Director at such time,
6 in such manner, and accompanied by such additional in-
7 formation as the Director may require.

8 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—An institution of higher edu-
9 cation or consortium receiving a grant under this section
10 shall use the grant funds to foster exchanges with the Peo-
11 ple’s Republic of China within the context of multilateral
12 curricular development and training in a wide range of
13 instructional disciplines.

14 “(d) APPLICABILITY OF REGULATIONS.—An institu-
15 tion of higher education or consortium receiving a grant
16 under subsection (a) shall be subject to the same require-
17 ments and regulations that apply to recipients of grants
18 under section 744 who carry out student exchange pro-
19 grams.

20 “(e) GOAL.—The Director shall administer this sec-
21 tion with the goal of having as many students enrolled
22 in the exchange program under this section as the total
23 number of students in all of the student exchange pro-
24 grams authorized under section 744.”; and

1 (3) in section 746 (as redesignated by para-
2 graph (1))—

3 (A) by striking “There are” and inserting
4 the following:

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are”;

6 (B) by inserting “(other than section
7 745)” after “this part”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(b) SECTION 745.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
11 appropriated to carry out section 745 \$5,000,000
12 for fiscal year 2006, \$6,000,000 for fiscal year
13 2007, \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008
14 through 2011, and such sums as are necessary for
15 each succeeding fiscal year.

16 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
17 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
18 tion in this subsection shall remain available until
19 expended.”.

20 **SEC. 403. EXPANSION OF ASIAN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS**
21 **EDUCATION CENTER PROGRAMS.**

22 Section 612(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
23 (20 U.S.C. 1130–1(a)) is amended by adding at the end
24 the following:

1 “(3) CENTERS FOR ASIAN BUSINESS EDU-
 2 CATION.—Subject to funds being made available
 3 through appropriation Acts, the Secretary shall
 4 award grants under paragraph (1) to establish and
 5 maintain not less than 100 centers, including 72
 6 centers for international business education that
 7 focus on commercial connections with Asia.”.

8 **SEC. 404. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 Section 614(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
 10 (20 U.S.C. 1130b(a)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “EDUCATION.—There are” and
 12 inserting “EDUCATION.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are”;

14 (2) by striking “612.” and inserting “612
 15 (other than subsection (a)(3)).”; and

16 (3) by inserting at the end the following:

17 “(2) CENTERS FOR ASIAN BUSINESS EDU-
 18 CATION.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized
 20 to be appropriated to carry out the grants for
 21 centers for Asian business education described
 22 in section 612(a)(3) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year
 23 2006, \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2007,
 24 \$7,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008

1 through 2011, and such sums as are necessary
2 for each succeeding fiscal year.

3 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts
4 made available pursuant to an authorization of
5 appropriation in this paragraph shall remain
6 available until expended.”.

7 **TITLE V—CULTURAL AND EN-**
8 **TERTAINMENT AWARENESS**
9 **PROGRAMS**

10 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

11 This title may be cited as the “Zhou Xinfang Artists
12 Awareness Act”.

13 **SEC. 502. CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT AWARENESS**
14 **PROGRAMS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is author-
16 ized to establish, through the office of the Under Secretary
17 for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs and within the
18 CultureConnect program, a program to allow individuals
19 or organizations, from the United States or the People’s
20 Republic of China, to travel to the People’s Republic of
21 China or the United States (as the case may be) to study
22 the culture of the country or to perform for entertainment
23 purposes.

24 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State

1 to carry out this section \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2006,
2 \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$8,000,000 for fiscal year
3 2008, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$12,000,000 for
4 fiscal year 2010, \$14,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and
5 such sums as are necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.
6 Amounts made available pursuant to an authorization of
7 appropriation in this paragraph shall remain available
8 until expended.

9 **TITLE VI—EXCHANGES BE-**
10 **TWEEN THE UNITED STATES**
11 **AND THE PEOPLE’S REPUB-**
12 **LIC OF CHINA**

13 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

14 This title may be cited as the “Cai Lun Exchange
15 Program Act”.

16 **Subtitle A—Exchange Programs**

17 **SEC. 611. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this subtitle:

19 (1) **SECONDARY SCHOOL.**—The term “sec-
20 ondary school” has the meaning given that term in
21 section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
22 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

23 (2) **SECRETARY.**—Except as otherwise provided
24 in this subtitle, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-
25 retary of State.

1 **SEC. 612. PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL EXCHANGES.**

2 (a) **PHYSICAL EXCHANGES.—**

3 (1) **AUTHORITY.—**The Secretary is authorized
4 to award grants through the Bureau of Educational
5 and Cultural Affairs to eligible students for physical
6 student exchanges between the United States and
7 the People’s Republic of China. Such exchanges that
8 permit a student in the United States to visit the
9 People’s Republic of China shall be known as the S.
10 Welles Williams Exchange and such exchanges that
11 permit a student in the People’s Republic of China
12 to visit the United States shall be known as the Xu
13 Jiyu Exchange. Such exchanges shall—

14 (A) in the case of the S. Welles Williams
15 Exchange, be for a period not to exceed 1 year;
16 and

17 (B) in the case of the Xu Jiyu Exchange,
18 be for a period not to exceed 90 days.

19 (2) **ELIGIBLE STUDENT.—**A student is eligible
20 to receive a grant under paragraph (1) if the stu-
21 dent—

22 (A) is a secondary school student; and

23 (B) is a citizen of—

24 (i) the United States; or

25 (ii) the People’s Republic of China.

1 (3) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall carry
2 out the student exchanges authorized by paragraph
3 (1) in coordination with an international exchange
4 facilitation organization or a State educational agen-
5 cy.

6 (4) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant awarded under
7 paragraph (1) shall be used to pay for the travel and
8 educational expenses of a student participating in a
9 physical student exchange under this section. The
10 Secretary is authorized to limit the amount of such
11 grant that may be used to pay for the visa fees of
12 a student.

13 (5) AWARD OF GRANTS.—The Secretary shall
14 award grants under paragraph (1) in a manner so
15 that the number of students in the United States
16 who participate in a physical student exchange is ap-
17 proximately equal to the number of students in the
18 People’s Republic of China who participate in such
19 an exchange.

20 (6) PREFERENCE FOR COST SHARING.—The
21 Secretary shall give priority to awarding grants to
22 individuals who have contributions of non-Federal
23 funds to use for the cost of such individual’s partici-
24 pation in the physical student exchange under this
25 section.

1 (7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to
3 be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out
4 this subsection \$10,000,000 for fiscal year
5 2006, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2007,
6 \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2008
7 through 2011, and such sums as are necessary
8 for each succeeding fiscal year.

9 (B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts
10 made available pursuant to the authorization of
11 appropriation in this paragraph shall remain
12 available until expended.

13 (b) VIRTUAL EXCHANGES.—

14 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is authorized
15 to award grants to organizations that facilitate vir-
16 tual exchange programs.

17 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of grants author-
18 ized in paragraph (1) is to build relationships be-
19 tween students enrolled in secondary schools in the
20 United States or in the People's Republic of China
21 through academic or cultural exchanges that do not
22 involve international travel.

23 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to
25 be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out

1 this section \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2006,
2 and \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
3 2007 through 2011, and such sums as are nec-
4 essary for each succeeding fiscal year.

5 (B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts
6 made available pursuant to the authorization of
7 appropriation in this paragraph shall remain
8 available until expended.

9 **SEC. 613. ASSISTANCE TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZA-**
10 **TIONS.**

11 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is authorized to pro-
12 vide, through the Office of Citizen Exchanges, assistance
13 to nongovernmental organizations that facilitate academic,
14 professional, or cultural exchanges between—

15 (1) the United States and the People’s Republic
16 of China; and

17 (2) the People’s Republic of China and organi-
18 zations that publish studies or reports on the na-
19 tional and international political strategy of the Peo-
20 ple’s Republic of China.

21 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The are authorized to be ap-
23 propriated to the Secretary to carry out this section
24 \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, \$10,000,000 for
25 fiscal year 2007, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2008,

1 \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$8,000,000 for fis-
2 cal year 2010, \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and
3 such sums as are necessary for each succeeding fis-
4 cal year.

5 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
6 available pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
7 tion in this paragraph shall remain available until
8 expended.

9 **SEC. 614. EXCHANGES UNDER THE MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL**
10 **AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 1961.**

11 (a) INCREASE IN EXISTING EXCHANGE PRO-
12 GRAMS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—

14 (A) REQUIREMENT.—Subject to funds
15 being made available through appropriations
16 Acts, the Secretary shall provide assistance to
17 students under the Mutual Educational and
18 Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
19 2451 et seq.) for the purpose described in para-
20 graph (2).

21 (B) STUDENTS.—

22 (i) NUMERICAL REQUIREMENT.—The
23 Secretary shall provide the assistance de-
24 scribed in subparagraph (A) to a number
25 of students that is not less than 110 per-

1 cent of the number of student that received
2 assistance from the Secretary under the
3 Mutual Educational and Cultural Ex-
4 change Act of 1961 to participate in edu-
5 cational activities in the People's Republic
6 of China during fiscal year 2004.

7 (ii) CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT.—

8 The Secretary shall provide the assistance
9 described in subparagraph (A) to students
10 who are United States citizens.

11 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the assistance
12 provided under paragraph (1) is to assist students in
13 participating in educational activities in the People's
14 Republic of China, with a priority of providing such
15 assistance to students who will participate in edu-
16 cational activities related to the following areas:

17 (A) Rule of law, including civil rights, tort,
18 and contract law.

19 (B) Extraction and utilization of energy
20 resources.

21 (C) Environmental protection and haz-
22 ardous waste management.

23 (D) Financial services.

24 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any
2 amounts otherwise appropriated, there are au-
3 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to
4 carry out this subsection \$7,000,000 for fiscal
5 year 2006, \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2007,
6 \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$10,000,000
7 for fiscal year 2009, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year
8 2010, \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and
9 such sums as are necessary for each succeeding
10 fiscal year.

11 (B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts
12 made available pursuant to the authorization of
13 appropriation in this paragraph shall remain
14 available until expended.

15 (b) CHINESE DOCTORAL RESEARCH ABROAD GRANT
16 PROGRAM.—

17 (1) AUTHORITY.—Section 102(b) of the Mutual
18 Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (22
19 U.S.C. 2452(b)) is amended by adding at the end
20 the following:

21 “(13) visits to, and study in, the People’s Re-
22 public of China by postgraduate students of a wide
23 range of disciplines, including journalism, law, hos-
24 pital administration, health care, medicine, environ-
25 mental studies, political science, education, art,

1 science, farming, ranching, energy, banking, finance,
2 and intellectual property, from United States
3 schools, colleges, and universities.”.

4 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
5 MENTS.—Such section 102(b), as amended by para-
6 graph (1), is further amended—

7 (A) in paragraph (11), by striking “and”
8 after the semicolon; and

9 (B) in paragraph (12), by striking the pe-
10 riod and inserting “; and”.

11 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
12 Section 105 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2455) is amend-
13 ed by adding at the end the following:

14 “(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
15 Act, there are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
16 section 102(b)(13) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2006,
17 \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2007, \$4,000,000 for each of
18 the fiscal years 2008 through 2011, and such sums as are
19 necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.

20 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
21 available pursuant to the authorization of appropriation
22 in this subsection shall remain available until expended.”.

23 **SEC. 615. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.**

24 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is authorized to
25 award grants for cultural exchange partnerships between

1 local or provincial government officials of the United
2 States and of the People's Republic of China.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
5 appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sec-
6 tion \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, \$3,000,000 for
7 fiscal year 2007, \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal
8 years 2008 through 2011, and such sums as are
9 necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.

10 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
11 available pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
12 tion in this subsection shall remain available until
13 expended.

14 **SEC. 616. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

15 The Secretary may prescribe such regulations as the
16 Secretary determines are necessary to carry out the provi-
17 sions of this subtitle.

18 **Subtitle B—Report on United**
19 **States-People's Republic of**
20 **China Friendship Volunteers**

21 **SEC. 621. REPORT ON UNITED STATES-PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC**
22 **OF CHINA FRIENDSHIP VOLUNTEERS IN THE**
23 **PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

24 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
25 of this Act, the Director of the Peace Corps shall submit

1 to Congress a report on increasing the number of United
2 States-People’s Republic of China Friendship Volunteers
3 serving in the People’s Republic of China.

4 **TITLE VII—POLICIES FOR TRAV-**
5 **EL BETWEEN THE UNITED**
6 **STATES AND THE PEOPLE’S**
7 **REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

8 **SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “I. M. Pei Travel Policy
10 Act”.

11 **SEC. 702. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this title:

13 (1) **COMMERCIAL SERVICE.**—The term “Com-
14 mercial Service” has the meaning given that term
15 under section 2301(j)(2) of the Export Enhance-
16 ment Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 4721(j)(2)).

17 (2) **CONSULAR OFFICER.**—The term “consular
18 officer” has the meaning given that term in section
19 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
20 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

21 (3) **SECRETARY.**—Except as otherwise provided
22 in this title, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-
23 retary of State.

1 **SEC. 703. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NEGOTIATING**
2 **APPROVED DESTINATION STATUS.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that the President should
4 negotiate with the appropriate officials of the Government
5 of the People's Republic of China to encourage such offi-
6 cials to award approved destination status to the United
7 States in a manner that is consistent with the laws of the
8 United States.

9 **SEC. 704. CONSULAR SERVICES IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUB-**
10 **LIC OF CHINA.**

11 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary is authorized—

12 (1) to establish facilities, that meet the require-
13 ments for personal safety and security, for an addi-
14 tional 2 United States Consulates in locations in the
15 People's Republic of China where no consulates are
16 located on the date of enactment of this Act;

17 (2) to negotiate with the appropriate officials of
18 the Government of the People's Republic of China
19 for the establishment of such facilities; and

20 (3) to hire additional consular officers to staff
21 the new consulates.

22 (b) **APPROPRIATIONS.**—Of the amounts appropriated
23 to the Secretary for the administration of foreign affairs
24 account, the following amounts may be made available to
25 carry out the provisions of this section:

26 (1) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

1 (2) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

2 (3) \$30,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
3 2008 through 2010.

4 (4) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2011.

5 (5) Such sums as are necessary for each suc-
6 ceeding fiscal year.

7 **SEC. 705. INFORMATION REGARDING VISA PROCEDURES.**

8 (a) INFORMATION REGARDING VISA PROCEDURES.—

9 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is authorized
10 to increase the number of individuals who respond to
11 inquiries from individuals in the People’s Republic of
12 China regarding the process for obtaining a visa to
13 enter the United States and is authorized to charge
14 a fee to persons making such visa inquiries.

15 (2) EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS.—The Sec-
16 retary may utilize employees of the Department of
17 State or individuals providing services on a contract
18 basis to carry out the authority described in para-
19 graph (1).

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE VISA FEES.—Not-
21 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary is
22 authorized to use the fees, paid to the United States by
23 individuals in the People’s Republic of China for making
24 visa inquiries and to pay any salaries or related expenses

1 necessary to carry out the authority described in sub-
2 section (a)(1).

3 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any amounts
5 made available under subsection (b), there are au-
6 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
7 out this section \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal
8 years 2006 through 2011, and such sums as are
9 necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.

10 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
11 available pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
12 tion in this subsection shall remain available until
13 expended.

14 **SEC. 706. FEASIBILITY STUDY PROGRAMS.**

15 (a) FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EXPEDITED VISA
16 PROCESSING.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall under-
18 take a study as to the feasibility of establishing a
19 program in which an eligible individual in the Peo-
20 ple's Republic of China seeking admission to the
21 United States—

22 (A) shall be presumed to be seeking admis-
23 sion to the United States on a temporary basis;
24 and

1 (B) may be interviewed by an employee of
2 the United States who is not a member of the
3 Foreign Service, if an interview is required for
4 such individual to enter the United States.

5 (2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—An individual is el-
6 igible to participate in the program described in
7 paragraph (1) if the individual—

8 (A) is a citizen of the People’s Republic of
9 China; and

10 (B) is a scientist.

11 (3) SCHEDULE.—The feasibility study described
12 in paragraph (1) shall be completed not later than
13 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

14 (b) FEASIBILITY STUDY TO EXEMPT NATIONALS OF
15 THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FROM H1B LIMITA-
16 TIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall under-
18 take a study as to the feasibility of establishing a
19 program in which the numerical limitations con-
20 tained in section 214(g)(1)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
21 1184(g)(1)(A)) shall not apply to an alien who is a
22 national of the People’s Republic of China and who
23 is seeking a visa or otherwise seeking status under
24 section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of such Act (8 U.S.C.
25 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)).

1 (2) SCHEDULE.—The feasibility study described
2 in paragraph (1) shall be implemented not later than
3 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
5 on which the feasibility studies established under sub-
6 sections (a) and (b) are concluded, the Secretary shall sub-
7 mit to Congress a report on the results of the studies.

8 **SEC. 707. VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**
9 **EXCHANGES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(J) of the Im-
11 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(J))
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 “(J) an alien having a residence in a foreign
14 country which the alien has no intention of aban-
15 doning who is a bona fide student, scholar, trainee,
16 teacher, professor, research assistant, specialist, or
17 leader in a field of specialized knowledge or skill, or
18 other person of similar description, who is coming
19 temporarily to the United States as a participant—

20 “(i) in a program designated by the Sec-
21 retary of State, for the purpose of teaching, in-
22 structing or lecturing, studying, observing, con-
23 ducting research, consulting, demonstrating
24 special skills, or receiving training and who, if
25 the alien is coming to the United States to par-

1 ticipate in a program under which the alien will
2 receive graduate medical education or training,
3 also meets the requirements of paragraphs (1)
4 and (2) of section 212(j), and the alien spouse
5 and minor children of the alien if accompanying
6 or following to join the alien; or

7 “(ii) in a secondary school exchange pro-
8 gram between the United States and the Peo-
9 ple’s Republic of China and who also meets the
10 requirements of paragraph (4) of section
11 212(j);”.

12 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EX-
13 CHANGES.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 212(j) of the Immi-
15 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(j)) is
16 amended by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(4) The additional requirements referred to in sec-
19 tion 101(a)(15)(J)(ii) for an alien who is coming to the
20 United States under a secondary school exchange program
21 are as follows:

22 “(A) The alien is enrolled in a school that is the
23 academic equivalent of a secondary school (as that
24 term is defined in section 9101 of the Elementary

1 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
2 7801)).

3 “(B) The alien is a dependent minor under the
4 age of 20.

5 “(C) The alien may not seek or acquire employ-
6 ment in the United States while admitted to the
7 United States under section 101(a)(15)(J)(ii).

8 “(D) The alien may not apply for any other
9 visa classification, immigration status, or extension
10 while admitted to the United States under such sec-
11 tion.

12 “(E) The alien may not remain in the United
13 States for a secondary school exchange program for
14 a period of more than 90 days.”.

15 (2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section
16 212(j)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
17 U.S.C. 1182(j)(1)) is amended in the matter pre-
18 ceding subparagraph (A) by striking
19 “101(a)(15)(J)” and inserting “101(a)(15)(J)(i)”.

20 (c) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE AND REPORT TO CON-
21 GRESS.—The Secretary of State is authorized to establish
22 such procedures as are necessary to expedite approval of
23 visas of students applying for visas pursuant to section
24 212(j)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
25 U.S.C. 1182(j)(4)), as added by subsection (b), and shall

1 submit a report to Congress, not later than 1 year after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, on the procedures the
3 Secretary has implemented to expedite approval of those
4 visas.

5 **TITLE VIII—UNITED STATES-**
6 **PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF**
7 **CHINA COMMERCIAL EX-**
8 **CHANGE PROGRAMS**

9 **SEC. 801. SHORT TITLE.**

10 This title may be cited as the “Wang Wei Commercial
11 Exchange Improvement Act”.

12 **SEC. 802. COMMERCIAL SERVICE STAFFING INCREASE.**

13 (a) INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL SERVICE OFFI-
14 CERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in ad-
15 dition to the full-time employees assigned to the Commer-
16 cial Service on the date of enactment of this Act at the
17 locations listed in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Secretary
18 of Commerce is authorized to assign an additional 35 full-
19 time employees to the Commercial Service. Each addi-
20 tional employee shall be assigned to 1 of the following:

21 (1) The United States Embassy in the People’s
22 Republic of China.

23 (2) A United States Consulate in the People’s
24 Republic of China that is in existence on the date
25 of enactment of this Act.

1 (3) A consular facility established pursuant to
2 section 704(a)(1).

3 (b) COMMERCIAL SERVICE.—In this section, the term
4 “Commercial Service” has the meaning given that term
5 under section 2301(j)(2) of the Export Enhancement Act
6 of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 4721(j)(2)).

7 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
9 appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce to carry
10 out this section including to hire support staff, and
11 to procure materials, the following sums:

12 (A) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

13 (B) \$15,000,000 for each of the fiscal
14 years 2007 through 2011.

15 (C) Such sums as are necessary for each
16 succeeding fiscal year.

17 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
18 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
19 tions in this subsection shall remain available until
20 expended.

21 **SEC. 803. EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE EXPORT CENTER.—
23 There is established within the Department of Commerce
24 a State Foreign Export Center Grant Program (in this
25 section referred to as the “Program”). The Program shall

1 be administered by the Secretary of Commerce through
2 the United States and Foreign Commercial Service. The
3 purpose of the Program shall be to provide grants to
4 States in an amount that does not exceed 33 percent of
5 the start-up costs for constructing, operating, and main-
6 taining State offices that can provide export assistance
7 and outreach to United States businesses in the People's
8 Republic of China.

9 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 270 days after
10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Com-
11 merce shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary
12 to carry out the Program.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
15 appropriated to the Department of Commerce to
16 carry out this section the following sums:

17 (A) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

18 (B) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

19 (C) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

20 (D) \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal
21 years 2009 through 2011.

22 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
23 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
24 tions in this subsection shall remain available until
25 expended.

1 **SEC. 804. TRADE OUTREACH AT LEAD SMALL BUSINESS DE-**
2 **VELOPMENT CENTERS.**

3 (a) INCREASE IN SMALL BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL
4 TRADE STAFF.—The Administrator of the Small Business
5 Administration is authorized to facilitate the hiring of 1
6 additional full-time export development specialist in each
7 of the 63 Lead Small Business Development Centers of
8 the Small Business Administration to—

9 (1) help carry out the export promotion efforts
10 described in section 22 of the Small Business Act
11 (15 U.S.C. 649); and

12 (2) perform outreach services and help provide
13 strategic guidance to each Small Business Develop-
14 ment Center with respect to exporting services and
15 products to the People’s Republic of China.

16 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
18 appropriated to the Small Business Administration
19 to carry out this section the following sums:

20 (A) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2006.

21 (B) \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.

22 (C) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.

23 (D) \$4,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
24 2009 through 2011.

25 (E) Such sums as are necessary for each
26 succeeding fiscal year.

1 (2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made
2 available pursuant to an authorization of appropria-
3 tions in this subsection shall remain available until
4 expended.

5 **TITLE IX—UNITED STATES-PEO-**
6 **PLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
7 **ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**
8 **COUNCIL**

9 **SEC. 901. UNITED STATES-PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**
10 **ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY COUNCIL.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
12 United States-People’s Republic of China Engagement
13 Strategy Council (referred to in this title as the “Coun-
14 cil”).

15 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall be composed of
16 the following members:

17 (1) The Secretary of State, or the designee of
18 the Secretary of State.

19 (2) The Secretary of Education, or the designee
20 of the Secretary of Education.

21 (3) The Secretary of Commerce, or the designee
22 of the Secretary of Commerce.

23 (c) CHAIRPERSON.—

24 (1) INITIAL CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary of
25 State or the Secretary of State’s designee on the

1 Council (as the case may be) shall serve as the
2 chairperson of the Council for the 1 year period fol-
3 lowing the date of enactment of this Act.

4 (2) ROTATING BASIS.—After the period de-
5 scribed in paragraph (1), each of the individuals de-
6 scribed in subsection (b) shall serve as chairperson
7 of the Council on a rotating basis for a period not
8 to exceed 1 year.

9 (d) MEETINGS.—

10 (1) FREQUENCY.—The Council shall meet—

11 (A) not less than 6 times during the first
12 year after the date of enactment of this Act;

13 (B) not less than 4 times during the subse-
14 quent 2 year period; and

15 (C) not less than 1 time during each sub-
16 sequent year.

17 (2) DATE AND AGENDA.—The Secretary of
18 State or the designee of the Secretary of State (as
19 the case may be) shall, with input from the other
20 members of the Council, establish the date of, and
21 agenda for, each meeting of the Council.

22 **SEC. 902. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall—

1 (1) formulate a strategy for the coordination
2 and implementation of the programs and grants au-
3 thorized pursuant to this Act; and

4 (2) oversee the implementation of such strategy.

5 (b) REPORT.—

6 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually
8 thereafter, the Council shall report to Congress on
9 the strategy of the Council to implement this Act
10 and the amendments made by this Act, and the
11 progress of the Council to implement such strategy.

12 (2) ONE-TIME REPORT.—Not later than 3 years
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Council
14 shall submit to the President and Congress a report
15 that contains—

16 (A) a detailed statement of the findings
17 and conclusions of the Council; and

18 (B) the recommendations of the Council
19 for such legislation and administrative actions
20 as the Council considers appropriate.

21 **SEC. 903. POWERS.**

22 (a) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council may secure di-
24 rectly from a Federal agency such information as

1 the Council considers necessary to carry out this
2 Act.

3 (2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—On request
4 of the Council, the head of the agency shall provide
5 the information to the Council.

6 (b) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Council may use the
7 United States mails in the same manner and under the
8 same conditions as other agencies of the Federal Govern-
9 ment.

10 (c) GIFTS.—The Council may accept, use, and dis-
11 pose of gifts or donations of services or property.

12 **SEC. 904. COUNCIL PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

13 (a) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—All members of
14 the Council shall serve without compensation in addition
15 to that received for their services as officers or employees
16 of the United States.

17 (b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the Council
18 shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu
19 of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an
20 agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
21 States Code, while away from the home or regular place
22 of business of the member in the performance of the duties
23 of the Council.

24 (c) STAFF.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Council may, without
2 regard to the civil service laws and regulations, ap-
3 point and terminate an executive director and such
4 other additional personnel as may be necessary to
5 enable the Council to perform its duties. The em-
6 ployment of an executive director shall be subject to
7 confirmation by the Council.

8 (2) COMPENSATION.—The Council may fix the
9 compensation of the executive director and other
10 personnel without regard to chapter 51 and sub-
11 chapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States
12 Code, relating to classification of positions and Gen-
13 eral Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay
14 for the executive director and other personnel may
15 not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Execu-
16 tive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

17 (d) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any
18 Federal Government employee may be detailed to the
19 Council without reimbursement, and such detail shall be
20 without interruption or loss of civil service status or privi-
21 lege.

22 (e) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMIT-
23 TENT SERVICES.—The Council may procure temporary
24 and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5,
25 United States Code, at rates for individuals which do not

1 exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay
2 prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under sec-
3 tion 5316 of such title.

4 **SEC. 905. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
6 priated to carry out this Act \$4,000,000 for each of the
7 fiscal years 2006 through 2011 and such sums as are nec-
8 essary for each succeeding fiscal year.

9 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made avail-
10 able pursuant to an authorization of appropriations in this
11 section shall remain available until expended.

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