

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2583

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2018

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

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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 “Foreign Influence
3 Transparency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIMITING EXEMPTION FROM FOREIGN AGENT REG-**
5 **ISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS EN-**
6 **GAGING IN ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF**
7 **CERTAIN PURSUITS TO ACTIVITIES NOT PRO-**
8 **MOTING POLITICAL AGENDA OF FOREIGN**
9 **GOVERNMENTS.**

10 (a) **LIMITATION ON EXEMPTION.**—Section 3(e) of the
11 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C.
12 613(e)) is amended by striking the semicolon at the end
13 and inserting the following: “, but only if the activities
14 do not promote the political agenda of a government of
15 a foreign country;”.

16 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to activities carried
18 out on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURES OF FOREIGN GIFTS.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 117 of the Higher Edu-
21 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)—

23 (A) by striking “the value of which is
24 \$250,000 or more, considered alone or in com-
25 bination with all other gifts from or contracts
26 within” and inserting “the value of which is

1 \$50,000 or more for such gift from or contract
2 with that foreign source within”; and

3 (B) by striking “alone or”;

4 (2) in subsection (b)—

5 (A) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence,
6 by inserting before the period at the end the
7 following: “, and the content of each such con-
8 tract”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting before
10 the period the following: “, and the content of
11 each such contract”;

12 (3) in subsection (e), by inserting “, including
13 the contents of any contracts,” after “reports”; and

14 (4) in subsection (h)(3), by inserting before the
15 semicolon at the end the following: “, or the fair
16 market value of an in-kind gift”.

17 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
18 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to gifts received
19 or contracts entered into, or other activities carried out,
20 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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