

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3313

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. PORTMAN) 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), by striking “the value of  
23 which is \$250,000 or more, considered alone or in  
24 combination with all other gifts from or contracts  
25 with” and inserting “the value of which is \$50,000  
26 or more for such gift from or contract with”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

6 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting before  
7 the period the following: “, and the content of  
8 each such contract”;

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

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

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

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