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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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) REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
22 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
23 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
24 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
25 ate a report containing information regarding any institu-

1 tion of higher education that has a relationship with a
2 Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of concern and re-
3 ceives funds from the Department of Homeland Security.

Passed the House of Representatives September 10,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.