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H. R. 1049

[Report No. 119–13]

To ensure that parents are aware of foreign influence in their child's public school, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself and Mr. MACKENZIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

MARCH 5, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. BARR and Mrs. HOUCHIN

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 6, 2025]

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Transparency in Re-*
 5 *porting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act” or*
 6 *the “TRACE Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN INFLU-**
 8 **ENCE.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title VIII*
 10 *of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*
 11 *(20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end*
 12 *the following:*

13 **“SEC. 8549D. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN**
 14 **INFLUENCE.**

15 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving funds*
 16 *under this Act, a local educational agency shall ensure that*
 17 *each elementary school and each secondary school served by*
 18 *such agency provides to each parent of a child attending*
 19 *the school, at a minimum—*

20 *“(1) the right (in a manner consistent with*
 21 *copyright law) to review, and make copies of free of*
 22 *cost, at least every four weeks and not later than 30*
 23 *days after submission of a written request by the par-*
 24 *ent, any curricular material or professional develop-*
 25 *ment material used at the school that was purchased,*

1 or otherwise obtained, using funds received from the
2 government of a foreign country or a foreign entity
3 of concern;

4 “(2) the right to know, by written response pro-
5 vided not later than 30 days after submission of a
6 written request by the parent, how many personnel of
7 the school are compensated, in whole or in part, using
8 funds received from the government of a foreign coun-
9 try or a foreign entity of concern; and

10 “(3) the right to know, by written response pro-
11 vided not later than 30 days after submission of a
12 written request by the parent, of—

13 “(A) any donation received by the school or
14 local educational agency from a foreign country
15 or a foreign entity of concern;

16 “(B) any agreement in writing (such as a
17 contract or memorandum of understanding) be-
18 tween the school or local educational agency and
19 a foreign country or a foreign entity of concern;
20 and

21 “(C) any financial transaction between the
22 school or local educational agency and a foreign
23 country or a foreign entity of concern.

1 “(b) *DONATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND FINANCIAL*
2 *TRANSACTIONS.—The information described in subsection*
3 *(a)(3) shall include, at minimum, the following:*

4 “(1) *The name of the foreign country or foreign*
5 *entity of concern.*

6 “(2) *In any case in which funds were received by*
7 *the school or local educational agency from a foreign*
8 *country or a foreign entity of concern—*

9 “(A) *the amount of such funds; and*

10 “(B) *any terms or conditions applicable to*
11 *the receipt of such funds.*

12 “(c) *NOTICE OF RIGHTS.—At the beginning of each*
13 *school year, a local educational agency receiving funds*
14 *under this Act shall ensure that each elementary school and*
15 *each secondary school served by such agency posts on a pub-*
16 *licly accessible website of the school or, if the school does*
17 *not operate a website, widely disseminates to the public, a*
18 *summary notice of the rights of parents described in sub-*
19 *sections (a) and (b).*

20 “(d) *NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—At the begin-*
21 *ning of each school year, the Secretary shall notify State*
22 *educational agencies about the requirements of this section.*
23 *As a condition of receiving funds under this Act, State edu-*
24 *cational agencies shall, at the beginning of each school year,*

1 *notify local educational agencies of the requirements of this*
2 *section.*

3 “(e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

4 “(1) *The term ‘foreign country’ means a foreign*
5 *country or a dependent territory or possession of a*
6 *foreign country. Such term does not include any of*
7 *the outlying areas.*

8 “(2) *The term ‘foreign entity of concern’ has the*
9 *meaning given such term in section 10612(a) of the*
10 *Research and Development, Competition, and Innova-*
11 *tion Act (42 U.S.C. 19221(a)).”.*

12 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in*
13 *section 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act*
14 *of 1965 is amended by inserting after the item relating to*
15 *section 8549C the following:*

“Sec. 8549D. Parents’ right to know about foreign influence.”.

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