

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1318

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah (for himself and Ms. STEVENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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 “United States Re-
5 search Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN COUN-**
2 **TRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOREIGN**
3 **TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

4 Paragraph (4) of section 10638 of title VI of division
5 B of the Research and Development, Competition, and In-
6 novation Act (Public Law 117–167; 42 U.S.C. 19237) is
7 amended—

8 (1) by inserting “of concern” after “foreign
9 country” each place such term appears;

10 (2) by striking “means—” and all that follows
11 through “any program, position, or activity” and in-
12 serting “means any program, position, or activity”;

13 (3) by striking subparagraph (B);

14 (4) by redesignating clauses (i) through (ix) as
15 subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively, and
16 moving such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two
17 ems to the left;

18 (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
19 as so redesignated, by striking “directly provided”
20 and inserting “whether directly or indirectly pro-
21 vided”; and

22 (6) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by
23 striking “; and” and inserting a period.

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