

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 455

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit the awarding of Federal funds to institutions of higher education that employ instructors funded by the Chinese Communist Party, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2025

Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Protecting Higher
5 Education from Foreign Threats Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OF INSTRUCTORS**
2 **FUNDED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST**
3 **PARTY.**

4 Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
5 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section
6 117 the following:

7 **“SEC. 117a. PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OF INSTRU-**
8 **TORS FUNDED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST**
9 **PARTY.**

10 “(a) RESTRICTION ON ELIGIBILITY.—Notwith-
11 standing any other provision of law, no institution of high-
12 er education shall be eligible to receive funds or any other
13 form of financial assistance under any Federal program
14 for an award year in which the institution employs an
15 CCP-funded instructor.

16 “(b) RESUMPTION OF ELIGIBILITY.—An institution
17 of higher education that loses eligibility to receive funds
18 for an award year as described in subsection (a) may re-
19 gain eligibility to receive such funds in a subsequent award
20 year by demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the Sec-
21 retary, that the institution no longer employs a CCP-fund-
22 ed instructor.

23 “(c) CCP-FUNDED INSTRUCTOR DEFINED.—In this
24 section, the term ‘CCP-funded instructor’ means a pro-
25 fessor, teacher, or any other individual who—

1 “(1) provides instruction directly to the stu-
2 dents of an institution of higher education; and

3 “(2) received funds, directly or indirectly, from
4 the Chinese Communist Party while employed by
5 such institution.”.

6 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect
8 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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