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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, and for other purposes.

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Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCHMITT, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to strengthen disclosure requirements relating to foreign gifts and contracts, to prohibit contracts between institutions of higher education and certain foreign entities and countries of concern, 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Defending Education  
5       Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in

1 Nefarious Transactions Act” or the “DETERRENT  
2 Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURES OF FOREIGN GIFTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 117 of the Higher Edu-  
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f) is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 **“SEC. 117. DISCLOSURES OF FOREIGN GIFTS.**

8 “(a) DISCLOSURE REPORTS.—

9 “(1) AGGREGATE GIFTS AND CONTRACT DIS-  
10 CLOSURES.—An institution shall file with the Sec-  
11 retary, in accordance with subsection (b)(1), a dis-  
12 closure report on July 31 of the calendar year imme-  
13 diately following any calendar year in which—

14 “(A) the institution receives a gift from, or  
15 enters into a contract with, a foreign source  
16 (other than a foreign country of concern or for-  
17 eign entity of concern)—

18 “(i) the value of which is \$50,000 or  
19 more, considered alone or in combination  
20 with all other gifts from, or contracts with,  
21 that foreign source within the calendar  
22 year; or

23 “(ii) the value of which is indetermi-  
24 nate; or

25 “(B) the institution—

1 “(i) receives a gift from a foreign  
2 country of concern or foreign entity of con-  
3 cern, without regard to the value of such  
4 gift; or

5 “(ii) upon receiving a waiver under  
6 section 117A to enter into a contract with  
7 such a country or entity, enters into such  
8 contract, without regard to the value of  
9 such contract.

10 “(2) FOREIGN SOURCE OWNERSHIP OR CON-  
11 TROL DISCLOSURES.—Notwithstanding paragraph  
12 (1), in the case of an institution that is substantially  
13 controlled (as described in section 668.174(c)(3) of  
14 title 34, Code of Federal Regulations) (or successor  
15 regulations) by a foreign source, the institution shall  
16 file with the Secretary, in accordance with sub-  
17 section (b)(2), a disclosure report on July 31 of each  
18 year.

19 “(3) TREATMENT OF AFFILIATED ENTITIES.—  
20 For purposes of this section, any gift to, or contract  
21 with, an affiliated entity of an institution shall be  
22 considered a gift to, or contract with, respectively,  
23 such institution.

24 “(b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—

1           “(1) GIFTS AND CONTRACTS.—Each report to  
2           the Secretary required under subsection (a)(1) shall  
3           include the following:

4                   “(A) With respect to a gift received from,  
5                   or a contract entered into with, any foreign  
6                   source—

7                           “(i) the name of the individual, de-  
8                           partment, or other entity at the institution  
9                           receiving the gift or carrying out the con-  
10                          tract on behalf of the institution;

11                          “(ii) any intended purpose of the gift  
12                          or contract communicated to the institu-  
13                          tion by the foreign source, and, as of the  
14                          date of filing such report, the manner in  
15                          which the institution intends to use such  
16                          gift or contract;

17                          “(iii) in the case of a restricted or  
18                          conditional gift or contract, a description  
19                          of each restriction or condition that meets  
20                          the definition of the term ‘restricted or  
21                          conditional gift or contract’ in subsection  
22                          (f);

23                          “(iv) with respect to such a gift—

24                                  “(I) the total fair market dollar  
25                                  amount or dollar value of the gift, as

1 of the date of submission of such re-  
2 port; and

3 “(II) the date on which the insti-  
4 tution received such gift;

5 “(v) with respect to such a contract—

6 “(I) the total fair market dollar  
7 amount or dollar value of the con-  
8 tract, as of the date of submission of  
9 such report;

10 “(II) the date on which the insti-  
11 tution enters into such contract;

12 “(III) the date on which such  
13 contract first takes effect;

14 “(IV) if the contract has a termi-  
15 nation date, such termination date;  
16 and

17 “(V) an assurance that the insti-  
18 tution will—

19 “(aa) maintain an  
20 unredacted copy of the contract  
21 until the latest of—

22 “(AA) the date that is  
23 5 years after the date on  
24 which such contract first  
25 takes effect;

1 “(BB) the date on  
2 which the contract termi-  
3 nates; or

4 “(CC) the last day of  
5 any period that applicable  
6 State law requires a copy of  
7 such contract to be main-  
8 tained; and

9 “(bb) upon request of the  
10 Secretary during an investigation  
11 under section 117C(a)(1),  
12 produce such an unredacted copy  
13 of the contract.

14 “(B) With respect to a gift received from,  
15 or a contract entered into with, a foreign source  
16 that is a foreign government (other than the  
17 government of a foreign country of concern)—

18 “(i) the name of such foreign govern-  
19 ment;

20 “(ii) the department, agency, office,  
21 or division of such foreign government that  
22 approved such gift or contract, as applica-  
23 ble; and

1 “(iii) the physical mailing address of  
2 such department, agency, office, or divi-  
3 sion.

4 “(C) With respect to a gift received from,  
5 or contract entered into with, a foreign source  
6 other than a foreign government subject to the  
7 requirements of subparagraph (B)—

8 “(i)(I) the legal name of the foreign  
9 source; or

10 “(II) in the case of a gift received  
11 from a foreign source that awarded such  
12 gift to the institution as an agent de-  
13 scribed in subsection (f)(4)(G) on behalf of  
14 another foreign source—

15 “(aa) the legal name of the for-  
16 eign source that awarded such gift;  
17 and

18 “(bb) the legal name of the for-  
19 eign source on whose behalf the gift  
20 was awarded, or a statement certified  
21 by a compliance officer in accordance  
22 with section 117C(e) that the institu-  
23 tion has reasonably attempted to ob-  
24 tain such name;

1           “(ii) in the case of a foreign source  
2           that is a natural person, each country of  
3           citizenship of such person, or, if no such  
4           country is known, the principal country of  
5           residence of such person;

6           “(iii) in the case of a foreign source  
7           that is a legal entity, the country in which  
8           such entity is incorporated, or, if such in-  
9           formation is not available, the principal  
10          place of business of such entity;

11          “(iv) the physical mailing address of  
12          such foreign source, or, if such address is  
13          not available, a statement certified by a  
14          compliance officer in accordance with sec-  
15          tion 117C(c) that the institution has rea-  
16          sonably attempted to obtain such address;  
17          and

18          “(v) any affiliation of the foreign  
19          source to an organization that is des-  
20          ignated as a foreign terrorist organization  
21          pursuant to section 219 of the Immigra-  
22          tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

23          “(D) With respect to a contract entered  
24          into with a foreign source that is a foreign



1 country of concern or a foreign entity of con-  
2 cern—

3 “(i) a complete and unredacted copy  
4 of the original contract, and if such origi-  
5 nal contract is not in English, a translated  
6 copy in accordance with subsection (c);

7 “(ii) a copy of the waiver received  
8 under section 117A for such contract; and

9 “(iii) the statement submitted by the  
10 institution for purposes of receiving such a  
11 waiver under section 117A(b)(2).

12 “(E) With respect to a gift received from  
13 a foreign source that is a foreign country of  
14 concern or a foreign entity of concern, an as-  
15 surance that the institution will—

16 “(i) in a case in which the institution  
17 received documentation relating to such  
18 gift, maintain such documentation until  
19 the later of—

20 “(I) the date that is 5 years after  
21 the date such gift was received by the  
22 institution; or

23 “(II) the last day of any period  
24 that applicable State law requires a

1 copy of such documentation to be  
2 maintained; and

3 “(ii) upon request of the Secretary  
4 during an investigation under section  
5 117C(a)(1), produce such documentation.

6 “(2) FOREIGN SOURCE OWNERSHIP OR CON-  
7 TROL.—Each report to the Secretary required under  
8 subsection (a)(2) shall contain—

9 “(A) the information required under para-  
10 graph (1);

11 “(B) the legal name and the mailing ad-  
12 dress of the foreign source that substantially  
13 controls the institution as described in such  
14 subsection;

15 “(C) the date on which the foreign source  
16 assumed such substantial control; and

17 “(D) any changes in program or structure  
18 of the institution of higher education resulting  
19 from such substantial control.

20 “(c) TRANSLATION REQUIREMENTS.—Any informa-  
21 tion required to be disclosed under this section, or re-  
22 quested by the Secretary pursuant to an investigation  
23 under section 117C(a)(1), with respect to a gift or con-  
24 tract that is not in English shall be translated into

1 English, for purposes of such disclosure or such investiga-  
2 tion, by a person that is not—

3 “(1) a foreign source that awarded such gift or  
4 entered into such contract; or

5 “(2) any other foreign source from an attrib-  
6 utable country of a foreign source referred to in  
7 paragraph (1).

8 “(d) PUBLIC INSPECTION.—

9 “(1) DATABASE REQUIREMENT.—Beginning not  
10 later than May 31 of the calendar year following the  
11 date of enactment of the DETERRENT Act, the  
12 Secretary shall—

13 “(A) establish and maintain a searchable  
14 database on a website of the Department, under  
15 which all reports submitted under this section  
16 (including, to the extent practicable, any report  
17 submitted under this section before the date of  
18 enactment of the DETERRENT Act)—

19 “(i) are made publicly available (in  
20 electronic and downloadable format), in-  
21 cluding any information provided in such  
22 reports (other than the information prohib-  
23 ited from being publicly disclosed pursuant  
24 to paragraph (2));

1 “(ii) can be individually identified and  
2 compared; and

3 “(iii) to the extent practicable, are  
4 searchable and sortable—

5 “(I) by the institution that filed  
6 such report;

7 “(II) by the date on which the in-  
8 stitution filed such report;

9 “(III) by the date on which the  
10 institution received the gift which is  
11 the subject of the report;

12 “(IV) by the date on which the  
13 institution enters into the contract  
14 which is the subject of the report;

15 “(V) by the date on which such  
16 contract first takes effect;

17 “(VI) by the attributable country  
18 of such gift or contract;

19 “(VII) by the name of the foreign  
20 source;

21 “(VIII) by the information de-  
22 scribed in subparagraph (C)(i); and

23 “(IX) by the information de-  
24 scribed in subparagraph (C)(ii);

1 “(B) not later than 30 days after receipt  
2 of a disclosure report under this section, include  
3 such report in such database;

4 “(C) indicate, as part of the public record  
5 of a report included in such database, whether  
6 the report is with respect to a gift received  
7 from, or a contract entered into with—

8 “(i) a foreign source that is a foreign  
9 government; or

10 “(ii) a foreign source that is not a for-  
11 eign government; and

12 “(D) with respect to a disclosure report  
13 that does not include the name or address of a  
14 foreign source, indicate, as part of the public  
15 record of such report included in such database,  
16 that such report did not include such informa-  
17 tion.

18 “(2) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL PRIVACY LAW;  
19 PROTECTIONS FOR NATURAL PERSONS.—

20 “(A) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL PRIVACY  
21 LAW.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B),  
22 a disclosure report filed pursuant to this section  
23 is not subject to Federal privacy law (including  
24 any exemption from disclosure described in sec-  
25 tion 552(b) of title 5, United States Code).

1           “(B) PROTECTIONS FOR NATURAL PER-  
2           SONS.—

3           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
4           vided in clause (ii), with respect to a dis-  
5           closure report filed under this section, the  
6           name or address (other than the attrib-  
7           utable country) of a foreign source that is  
8           a natural person—

9           “(I) may not be publicly dis-  
10          closed; and

11          “(II) is exempt from disclosure  
12          under subsection (b)(3) of section 552  
13          of title 5, United States Code (com-  
14          monly referred to as the Freedom of  
15          Information Act).

16          “(ii) EXCEPTIONS FOR CONTRACTS  
17          WITH A FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN  
18          OR FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—  
19          Clause (i) shall not apply to a disclosure  
20          report filed pursuant to this section that  
21          contains information with respect to a con-  
22          tract described in subsection (a)(1)(B)(ii)  
23          entered into with a foreign country of con-  
24          cern or foreign entity of concern.

1       “(e) INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING.—Not-  
2 withstanding any other provision of law, not later than  
3 30 days after receiving a disclosure report from an institu-  
4 tion in compliance with this section, the Secretary shall  
5 transmit an unredacted copy of such report (including the  
6 name and address of a foreign source disclosed in such  
7 report) to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
8 tion, the Director of National Intelligence, the Director  
9 of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Secretary of State,  
10 the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Sec-  
11 retary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
12 the Secretary of Energy, the Director of the National  
13 Science Foundation, and the Director of the National In-  
14 stitutes of Health.

15       “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16           “(1) AFFILIATED ENTITY.—The term ‘affiliated  
17 entity’, when used with respect to an institution,  
18 means an entity or organization that operates pri-  
19 marily for the benefit of, or under the auspices of,  
20 such institution, such as a foundation of the institu-  
21 tion, or an educational, cultural, or language entity.

22           “(2) ATTRIBUTABLE COUNTRY.—The term ‘at-  
23 tributable country’ means—

24               “(A) the country of citizenship of a foreign  
25 source who is a natural person, or, if such

country is unknown, the principal residence of such foreign source; or

“(B) the country of incorporation of a foreign source that is a legal entity, or, if such country is unknown, the principal place of business (as applicable) of such foreign source.

“(3) CONTRACT.—The term ‘contract’—

“(A) means—

“(i) any agreement for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of property (including intellectual property) or services by the foreign source;

“(ii) except as provided in subparagraph (B)(ii), any agreement for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of property (including intellectual property) or services from a foreign source; and

“(iii) any affiliation, agreement, or similar transaction with a foreign source that involves the use or exchange of an institution’s name, likeness, time, services, or resources; and

“(B) does not include—

“(i) an agreement made between an institution and a foreign source regarding



1 any payment of one or more elements of a  
2 student's cost of attendance (as such term  
3 is defined in section 472), unless such an  
4 agreement is made for more than 15 stu-  
5 dents or is made under a restricted or con-  
6 ditional contract;

7 “(ii) an arms-length agreement for  
8 the acquisition by purchase, lease, or bar-  
9 ter of property (including intellectual prop-  
10 erty) or services from a foreign source that  
11 is not a foreign country of concern or a  
12 foreign entity of concern; or

13 “(iii) any assignment or license of a  
14 granted intellectual property right (includ-  
15 ing a patent, trademark, or copyright) that  
16 is not associated with a category listed in  
17 the Commerce Control List maintained by  
18 the Bureau of Industry and Security of the  
19 Department of Commerce and set forth in  
20 Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of title 15,  
21 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor  
22 regulations).

23 “(4) FOREIGN SOURCE.—The term ‘foreign  
24 source’ means—

1           “(A) a foreign government, including an  
2 agency of a foreign government;

3           “(B) a legal entity, governmental or other-  
4 wise, created under the laws of a foreign state  
5 or states;

6           “(C) a legal entity, governmental or other-  
7 wise, substantially controlled (as described in  
8 section 668.174(c)(3) of title 34, Code of Fed-  
9 eral Regulations) (or successor regulations) by  
10 a foreign source;

11           “(D) a natural person who is not a citizen  
12 or a national of the United States or a trust  
13 territory or protectorate thereof;

14           “(E) an international organization (as  
15 such term is defined in the International Orga-  
16 nizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288));

17           “(F) a person who is an agent of a foreign  
18 principal (as such term is defined in section 1  
19 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938  
20 (22 U.S.C. 611)); or

21           “(G) an agent of any of the entities de-  
22 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (F), in-  
23 cluding—

1 “(i) a subsidiary or affiliate of a for-  
 2 eign legal entity, acting on behalf of such  
 3 an entity; and

4 “(ii) a person that operates primarily  
 5 for the benefit of, or under the auspices of,  
 6 such an entity, such as a foundation of  
 7 such entity, or an educational, cultural, or  
 8 language entity.

9 “(5) GIFT.—The term ‘gift’—

10 “(A) means any gift of money, property  
 11 (including intellectual property), resources,  
 12 staff, or services; and

13 “(B) does not include—

14 “(i) any payment of one or more ele-  
 15 ments of a student’s cost of attendance (as  
 16 such term is defined in section 472) to an  
 17 institution by, or scholarship from, a for-  
 18 eign source who is a natural person, acting  
 19 in their individual capacity and not as an  
 20 agent for, at the request or direction of, or  
 21 on behalf of, any person or entity (except  
 22 the student), made for not more than 15  
 23 students, and that is not made under a re-  
 24 stricted or conditional contract with such  
 25 foreign source;

“(ii) any assignment or license of a granted intellectual property right (including a patent, trademark, or copyright) that is not associated with a category listed in the Commerce Control List maintained by the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce and set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations); or

“(iii) decorations (as such term is defined in section 7342(a) of title 5, United States Code).

“(6) RESTRICTED OR CONDITIONAL GIFT OR CONTRACT.—The term ‘restricted or conditional gift or contract’ means any endowment, gift, grant, contract, award, present, or property (including intellectual property) of any kind which includes provisions regarding—

“(A) the employment, assignment, or termination of faculty;

“(B) the establishment of, or the provision of funding for, departments, centers, institutes, instructional programs, research or lecture programs, or new faculty positions;

1                   “(C) the selection, admission, or education  
2                   of students; or

3                   “(D) the award of grants, loans, scholar-  
4                   ships, fellowships, or other forms of financial  
5                   aid restricted to students of a specified country,  
6                   religion, sex, ethnic origin, or political opin-  
7                   ion.”.

8           (b) PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN  
9 FOREIGN ENTITIES AND COUNTRIES.—Part B of title I  
10 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011  
11 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 117 the fol-  
12 lowing:

13 **“SEC. 117A. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN**  
14 **FOREIGN ENTITIES AND COUNTRIES.**

15           “(a) IN GENERAL.—An institution shall not enter  
16 into a contract with a foreign country of concern or a for-  
17 eign entity of concern.

18           “(b) WAIVERS.—

19                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—A waiver issued under this  
20 section to an institution with respect to a contract  
21 shall only—

22                           “(A) waive the prohibition under sub-  
23 section (a) for a 1-year period; and

“(B) apply to the terms and conditions of the proposed contract submitted as part of the request for such waiver.

“(2) SUBMISSION.—

“(A) FIRST WAIVER REQUESTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—An institution that desires to enter into a contract with a foreign entity of concern or a foreign country of concern may submit to the Secretary, not later than 120 days before the institution enters into such a contract, a request to waive the prohibition under subsection (a) with respect to such contract.

“(ii) CONTENTS OF WAIVER REQUEST.—A waiver request submitted by an institution under clause (i) shall include—

“(I) the complete and unredacted text of the proposed contract for which the waiver is being requested, and if such original contract is not in English, a translated copy of the text into English (in a manner that complies with section 117(c)); and

“(II) a statement that—

1 “(aa) is certified by a com-  
 2 pliance officer of the institution  
 3 designated in accordance with  
 4 section 117C(c); and

5 “(bb) includes information  
 6 that demonstrates that such con-  
 7 tract—

8 “(AA) is for the benefit  
 9 of the institution’s mission  
 10 and students; and

11 “(BB) will promote the  
 12 security, stability, and eco-  
 13 nomic vitality of the United  
 14 States.

15 “(B) RENEWAL WAIVER REQUESTS.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—An institution  
 17 that, pursuant to a waiver issued under  
 18 this section, has entered into a contract,  
 19 the term of which is longer than the 1-year  
 20 waiver period and the terms and conditions  
 21 of which remain the same as the proposed  
 22 contract submitted as part of the request  
 23 for such waiver may submit, not later than  
 24 120 days before the expiration of such  
 25 waiver period, a request for a renewal of

1           such waiver for an additional 1-year period  
 2           (which shall include any information re-  
 3           quested by the Secretary).

4           “(ii) TERMINATION.—If the institu-  
 5           tion fails to submit a request under clause  
 6           (i) or is not granted a renewal under such  
 7           clause, such institution shall terminate  
 8           such contract on the last day of the origi-  
 9           nal 1-year waiver period.

10          “(3) WAIVER ISSUANCE.—The Secretary—

11           “(A) not later than 60 days before an in-  
 12           stitution enters into a contract pursuant to a  
 13           waiver request under paragraph (2)(A), or be-  
 14           fore a contract described in paragraph (2)(B)(i)  
 15           is renewed pursuant to a renewal request under  
 16           such paragraph, shall notify the institution—

17           “(i) if the waiver or renewal will be  
 18           issued by the Secretary; and

19           “(ii) in a case in which the waiver or  
 20           renewal will be issued, the date on which  
 21           the 1-year waiver period starts; and

22           “(B) may only issue a waiver under this  
 23           section to an institution if the Secretary deter-  
 24           mines, in consultation with each individual list-



1           ed in section 117(e), that the contract for which  
2           the waiver is being requested—

3                   “(i) is for the benefit of the institu-  
4                   tion’s mission and students; and

5                   “(ii) will promote the security, sta-  
6                   bility, and economic vitality of the United  
7                   States.

8           “(4) DISCLOSURE.—Not less than 2 weeks  
9           prior to issuing a waiver under paragraph (2), the  
10          Secretary shall notify the authorizing committees of  
11          the intent to issue the waiver, including a justifica-  
12          tion for the waiver.

13          “(c) DESIGNATION DURING CONTRACT TERM.—In  
14          the case of an institution that enters into a contract with  
15          a foreign source that is not a foreign country of concern  
16          or a foreign entity of concern but which, during the term  
17          of such contract, is designated as a foreign country of con-  
18          cern or foreign entity of concern, such institution shall ter-  
19          minate such contract not later than 60 days after the Sec-  
20          retary notifies the institution of such designation.

21          “(d) CONTRACTS PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

22                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an institu-  
23                   tion that has entered into a contract with a foreign  
24                   country of concern or foreign entity of concern prior

1 to the date of enactment of the DETERRENT  
2 Act—

3 “(A) the institution shall as soon as prac-  
4 ticable, but not later than 30 days after such  
5 date of enactment, submit to the Secretary a  
6 waiver request in accordance with clause (ii) of  
7 subsection (b)(2)(A); and

8 “(B) the Secretary shall, upon receipt of  
9 the request submitted under such clause, issue  
10 a waiver to the institution for a period begin-  
11 ning on the date on which the waiver is issued  
12 and ending on the sooner of—

13 “(i) the date that is 1 year after the  
14 date of enactment of the DETERRENT  
15 Act; or

16 “(ii) the date on which the contract  
17 terminates.

18 “(2) RENEWAL.—An institution that has en-  
19 tered into a contract described in paragraph (1), the  
20 term of which is longer than the waiver period de-  
21 scribed in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph and  
22 the terms and conditions of which remain the same  
23 as the contract submitted as part of the request re-  
24 quired under subparagraph (A) of such paragraph,  
25 may submit a request for renewal of the waiver

1 issued under such paragraph in accordance with  
2 subsection (b)(2)(B).

3 “(e) CONTRACT DEFINED.—The term ‘contract’ has  
4 the meaning given such term in section 117(f).”.

5 (c) INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SHARING.—Not-  
6 withstanding any other provision of law, not later than  
7 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8 retary of Education shall transmit to each individual listed  
9 in section 117(e) of the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
10 as amended by this Act—

11 (1) an unredacted copy of each report (includ-  
12 ing the name and address of a foreign source dis-  
13 closed in such report) received by the Department of  
14 Education under section 117 of the Higher Edu-  
15 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f) prior to the  
16 date of enactment of this Act; and

17 (2) any report, document, or other record gen-  
18 erated by the Department of Education in the  
19 course of an investigation—

20 (A) of an institution with respect to the  
21 compliance of such institution with such sec-  
22 tion; and

23 (B) initiated prior to the date of enactment  
24 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. POLICY REGARDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**  
 2 **FROM FOREIGN GIFTS AND CONTRACTS.**

3 The Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001  
 4 et seq.), as amended by the preceding section, is further  
 5 amended by inserting after section 117A the following:

6 **“SEC. 117B. INSTITUTIONAL POLICY REGARDING FOREIGN**  
 7 **GIFTS AND CONTRACTS TO FACULTY AND**  
 8 **STAFF.**

9 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN POLICY AND  
 10 DATABASE.—Beginning not later than 90 days after the  
 11 date of enactment of the DETERRENT Act, each institu-  
 12 tion described in subsection (b) shall maintain—

13 “(1) a policy requiring covered individuals at  
 14 the institution and covered individuals at affiliated  
 15 entities of the institution to disclose in a report to  
 16 such institution by July 31 of each calendar year  
 17 that begins after the year in which such enactment  
 18 date occurs—

19 “(A) any gift received from a foreign  
 20 source in the previous calendar year, the value  
 21 of which is greater than the minimal value (as  
 22 such term is defined in section 7342(a) of title  
 23 5, United States Code) or is of indeterminate  
 24 value, and including the date on which the gift  
 25 was received;

1           “(B) any contract with a foreign source  
2           (other than a foreign country of concern or for-  
3           eign entity of concern) entered into or in effect  
4           during the previous calendar year, the value of  
5           which is \$5,000 or more, considered alone or in  
6           combination with all other contracts with that  
7           foreign source within the calendar year, and in-  
8           cluding the date on which such contract is en-  
9           tered into, the date on which the contract first  
10          takes effect, and, as applicable, the date on  
11          which such contract terminates;

12          “(C) any contract with a foreign source  
13          (other than a foreign country of concern or for-  
14          eign entity of concern) entered into or in effect  
15          during the previous calendar year that has an  
16          indeterminate monetary value, and including  
17          the date on which such contract is entered into,  
18          the date on which the contract first takes ef-  
19          fect, and, as applicable, the date on which such  
20          contract terminates; and

21          “(D) any contract entered into or in effect  
22          with a foreign country of concern or foreign en-  
23          tity of concern during the previous calendar  
24          year, the value of which is \$0 or more or which

1           has an indeterminate monetary value, and in-  
2           cluding—

3                   “(i) the date on which such contract  
4                   is entered into;

5                   “(ii) the date on which the contract  
6                   first takes effect;

7                   “(iii) if the contract has a termination  
8                   date, such termination date; and

9                   “(iv) the full text of such contract and  
10                  any addenda;

11               “(2) a publicly available and searchable data-  
12               base (in electronic and downloadable format), on a  
13               website of the institution, of the information re-  
14               quired to be disclosed under paragraph (1) (other  
15               than the information prohibited from public disclo-  
16               sure pursuant to subsection (c)) that—

17                   “(A) makes available the information dis-  
18                   closed under paragraph (1) (other than the in-  
19                   formation prohibited from public disclosure pur-  
20                   suant to subsection (c)) beginning on the date  
21                   that is 30 days after receipt of the report under  
22                   such paragraph containing such information  
23                   and until the latest of—

24                   “(i) the date that is 5 years after the  
25                   date on which—

1                   “(I) a gift referred to in para-  
2 graph (1)(A) is received; or

3                   “(II) a contract referred to in  
4 subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) of  
5 paragraph (1) first takes effect;

6                   “(ii) the date on which a contract re-  
7 ferred to in subparagraph (B), (C), or (D)  
8 of paragraph (1) terminates; or

9                   “(iii) the last day of any period that  
10 applicable State law requires a copy of  
11 such contract to be maintained; and

12                   “(B) is searchable and sortable—

13                   “(i) if the subject of the disclosure is  
14 a gift, by the date on which the gift is re-  
15 ceived;

16                   “(ii) if the subject of the disclosure is  
17 a contract—

18                   “(I) by the date on which such  
19 contract is entered into; and

20                   “(II) by the date on which such  
21 contract first takes effect;

22                   “(iii) by the attributable country with  
23 respect to which information is being dis-  
24 closed;

1                   “(iv)(I) if the covered individual at an  
2                   institution is making the disclosure, by the  
3                   most specific division of the institution  
4                   (such as the department, school, or college)  
5                   that the covered individual is in; and

6                   “(II) if the covered individual at the  
7                   affiliated entity of the institution is making  
8                   the disclosure, by the name of such affili-  
9                   ated entity;

10                  “(v) by the name of the foreign  
11                  source; and

12                  “(3) an effective plan to identify and manage  
13                  potential information gathering by foreign sources  
14                  through espionage targeting covered individuals that  
15                  may arise from gifts received from, or contracts en-  
16                  tered into with, a foreign source, including through  
17                  the use of—

18                  “(A) periodic communications;

19                  “(B) accurate reporting under paragraph  
20                  (2) of the information required to be disclosed  
21                  under paragraph (1); and

22                  “(C) enforcement of the policy described in  
23                  paragraph (1); and

24                  “(4) for purposes of investigations under sec-  
25                  tion 117C(a)(1), a record of the name of each indi-



1       vidual who makes a disclosure under paragraph (1)  
 2       and each report disclosed under such paragraph.

3       “(b) INSTITUTIONS.—An institution shall be subject  
 4 to the requirements of this section if such institution—  
 5       “(1) received more than \$50,000,000 in Fed-  
 6       eral funds in any of the previous five calendar years  
 7       to support (in whole or in part) research and devel-  
 8       opment (as determined by the institution and meas-  
 9       ured by the Higher Education Research and Devel-  
 10      opment Survey of the National Center for Science  
 11      and Engineering Statistics); or

12      “(2) receives funds under title VI.

13      “(c) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL PRIVACY LAW; PRO-  
 14 TECTIONS FOR NATURAL PERSONS.—

15      “(1) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL PRIVACY  
 16 LAW.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a dis-  
 17 closure made pursuant to this section is not subject  
 18 to Federal privacy law.

19      “(2) PROTECTIONS FOR NATURAL PERSONS.—

20      “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
 21 subparagraph (B), with respect to a disclosure  
 22 made pursuant to this section, the following  
 23 may not be publicly disclosed:

1                   “(i) The name or address (other than  
2                   the attributable country) of a foreign  
3                   source that is a natural person.

4                   “(ii) The name or any other person-  
5                   ally identifiable information of a covered  
6                   individual making such disclosure.

7                   “(B) EXCEPTIONS FOR CONTRACTS WITH  
8                   A FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN OR FOREIGN  
9                   ENTITY OF CONCERN.—Subparagraph (A) shall  
10                  not apply to a disclosure made pursuant to this  
11                  section that contains information with respect  
12                  to a contract entered into with a foreign coun-  
13                  try of concern or foreign entity of concern.

14                  “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

15                   “(1) the terms ‘affiliated entity’, ‘attributable  
16                   country’, ‘foreign source’, and ‘gift’ have the mean-  
17                   ings given such terms in section 117(f);

18                   “(2) the term ‘contract’—

19                   “(A) means—

20                   “(i) any agreement for the acquisition  
21                   by purchase, lease, or barter of property  
22                   (including intellectual property) or services  
23                   by the foreign source;

24                   “(ii) except as provided in subpara-  
25                   graph (B), any agreement for the acquisi-

1           tion by purchase, lease, or barter of prop-  
2           erty (including intellectual property) or  
3           services from a foreign source; and

4           “(iii) any affiliation, agreement, or  
5           similar transaction with a foreign source  
6           that involves the use or exchange of a cov-  
7           ered individual’s name, likeness, time, serv-  
8           ices, or resources; and

9           “(B) does not include—

10           “(i) an arms-length agreement for the  
11           acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of  
12           property (including intellectual property)  
13           or services from a foreign source that is  
14           not a foreign country of concern or a for-  
15           eign entity of concern; and

16           “(ii) any assignment or license of a  
17           granted intellectual property right (includ-  
18           ing a patent, trademark, or copyright) that  
19           is not associated with a category listed in  
20           the Commerce Control List maintained by  
21           the Bureau of Industry and Security of the  
22           Department of Commerce and set forth in  
23           Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of title 15,  
24           Code of Federal Regulations (or successor  
25           regulations); and

1 “(3) the term ‘covered individual’—

2 “(A) has the meaning given such term in  
3 section 223(d) of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-  
4 berry National Defense Authorization Act for  
5 Fiscal Year 2021 (42 U.S.C. 6605); and

6 “(B) shall be interpreted in accordance  
7 with the Guidance for Implementing National  
8 Security Presidential Memorandum 33 (NSPM–  
9 33) on National Security Strategy for United  
10 States Government-Supported Research and  
11 Development published by the Subcommittee on  
12 Research Security and the Joint Committee on  
13 the Research Environment in January 2022 (or  
14 any successor guidance).”.

15 **SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

16 (a) ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER GENERAL PROVI-  
17 SIONS.—The Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
18 1001 et seq.), as amended by this Act, is further amended  
19 by inserting after section 117B the following:

20 **“SEC. 117C. ENFORCEMENT; SINGLE POINT-OF-CONTACT;  
21 INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**

22 “(a) ENFORCEMENT.—

23 “(1) INVESTIGATION.—The Secretary (acting  
24 through the General Counsel of the Department)  
25 shall conduct investigations of possible violations of

1 sections 117, 117A, 117B, and subsection (c) of this  
2 section by institutions and, whenever it appears that  
3 an institution has knowingly or willfully failed to  
4 comply with a requirement of any of such provisions  
5 (including any rule or regulation promulgated under  
6 any such provision), shall request that the Attorney  
7 General bring a civil action in accordance with para-  
8 graph (2).

9 “(2) CIVIL ACTION.—Whenever it appears that  
10 an institution has knowingly or willfully failed to  
11 comply with a requirement of any of the provisions  
12 listed in paragraph (1) (including any rule or regula-  
13 tion promulgated under any such provision) based  
14 on an investigation under such paragraph, a civil ac-  
15 tion shall be brought by the Attorney General, at the  
16 request of the Secretary, in an appropriate district  
17 court of the United States, or the appropriate  
18 United States court of any territory or other place  
19 subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to  
20 request such court to compel compliance with the re-  
21 quirement of the provision that has been violated.

22 “(3) COSTS AND OTHER FINES.—An institution  
23 that is compelled to comply with a requirement of a  
24 provision listed in paragraph (1) pursuant to para-  
25 graph (2) shall—

1           “(A) pay to the Treasury of the United  
2           States the full costs to the United States of ob-  
3           taining compliance with the requirement of such  
4           provision, including all associated costs of inves-  
5           tigation and enforcement; and

6           “(B) if applicable, be subject to the appli-  
7           cable fines described in paragraph (4).

8           “(4) FINES FOR VIOLATIONS.—The Secretary  
9           shall impose a fine on an institution that is com-  
10          pelled to comply with a requirement of a section list-  
11          ed in paragraph (1) pursuant to paragraph (2) as  
12          follows:

13          “(A) SECTION 117.—

14               “(i) FIRST-TIME VIOLATIONS.—In the  
15               case of an institution that is compelled to  
16               comply with a requirement of section 117  
17               pursuant to a civil action described in  
18               paragraph (2), and that has not previously  
19               been compelled to comply with any such  
20               requirement pursuant to such a civil ac-  
21               tion, the Secretary shall impose a fine on  
22               the institution for such violation as follows:

23                       “(I) In the case of an institution  
24                       that knowingly or willfully fails to  
25                       comply with a reporting requirement

1 under subsection (a)(1) of section  
2 117, such fine shall be in an amount  
3 that is—

4 “(aa) for each gift or con-  
5 tract with determinable value  
6 that is the subject of such a fail-  
7 ure to comply, the greater of—

8 “(AA) \$50,000; or

9 “(BB) the monetary  
10 value of such gift or con-  
11 tract; or

12 “(bb) for each gift or con-  
13 tract of no value or of indeter-  
14 minable value, not less than 1  
15 percent and not more than 10  
16 percent of the total amount of  
17 Federal funds received by the in-  
18 stitution under this Act for the  
19 most recent fiscal year.

20 “(II) In the case of an institution  
21 that knowingly or willfully fails to  
22 comply with the reporting requirement  
23 under subsection (a)(2) of section  
24 117, such fine shall be in an amount  
25 that is not less than 10 percent of the

1           total amount of Federal funds re-  
 2           ceived by the institution under this  
 3           Act for the most recent fiscal year.

4           “(ii) SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.—In  
 5           the case of an institution that has pre-  
 6           viously been compelled to comply with a re-  
 7           quirement of section 117 pursuant to a  
 8           civil action described in paragraph (2), and  
 9           is subsequently compelled to comply with  
 10          such a requirement pursuant to a subse-  
 11          quent civil action described in paragraph  
 12          (2), the Secretary shall impose a fine on  
 13          the institution as follows:

14                   “(I) In the case of an institution  
 15                   that knowingly or willfully fails to  
 16                   comply with a reporting requirement  
 17                   under subsection (a)(1) of section  
 18                   117, such fine shall be in an amount  
 19                   that is—

20                           “(aa) for each gift or con-  
 21                           tract with determinable value  
 22                           that is the subject of such a fail-  
 23                           ure to comply, the greater of—

24                                   “(AA) \$100,000; or



1 “(BB) twice the mone-  
 2 tary value of such gift or  
 3 contract; or

4 “(bb) for each gift or con-  
 5 tract of no value or of indeter-  
 6 minable value, not less than 5  
 7 percent and not more than 10  
 8 percent of the total amount of  
 9 Federal funds received by the in-  
 10 stitution under this Act for the  
 11 most recent fiscal year.

12 “(II) In the case of an institution  
 13 that knowingly or willfully fails to  
 14 comply with a reporting requirement  
 15 under subsection (a)(2) of section  
 16 117, such fine shall be in an amount  
 17 that is not less than 20 percent of the  
 18 total amount of Federal funds re-  
 19 ceived by the institution under this  
 20 Act for the most recent fiscal year.

21 “(B) SECTION 117A.—

22 “(i) FIRST-TIME VIOLATIONS.—In the  
 23 case of an institution that is compelled to  
 24 comply with a requirement of section 117A  
 25 pursuant to a civil action described in

1 paragraph (2), and that has not previously  
2 been compelled to comply with any such  
3 requirement pursuant to such a civil ac-  
4 tion, the Secretary shall impose a fine on  
5 the institution in an amount that is not  
6 less than 5 percent and not more than 10  
7 percent of the total amount of Federal  
8 funds received by the institution under this  
9 Act for the most recent fiscal year.

10 “(ii) SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.—In  
11 the case of an institution that has pre-  
12 viously been compelled to comply with a re-  
13 quirement of section 117A pursuant to a  
14 civil action described in paragraph (2), and  
15 is subsequently compelled to comply with  
16 such a requirement pursuant to a subse-  
17 quent civil action described in paragraph  
18 (2), the Secretary shall impose a fine on  
19 the institution in an amount that is not  
20 less than 20 percent of the total amount of  
21 Federal funds received by the institution  
22 under this Act for the most recent fiscal  
23 year.

24 “(C) SECTION 117B.—

1 “(i) FIRST-TIME VIOLATIONS.—In the  
2 case of an institution that is compelled to  
3 comply with a requirement of section 117B  
4 pursuant to a civil action described in  
5 paragraph (2), and that has not previously  
6 been compelled to comply with any such  
7 requirement pursuant to such a civil ac-  
8 tion, the Secretary shall impose a fine on  
9 the institution for such violation in an  
10 amount that is the greater of—

11 “(I) \$250,000; or

12 “(II) the total amount of gifts or  
13 contracts that the institution is com-  
14 pelled to report pursuant to such civil  
15 action.

16 “(ii) SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.—In  
17 the case of an institution that has pre-  
18 viously been compelled to comply with a re-  
19 quirement of section 117B pursuant to a  
20 civil action described in paragraph (2), and  
21 is subsequently compelled to comply with  
22 such a requirement pursuant to a subse-  
23 quent civil action described in paragraph  
24 (2), the Secretary shall impose a fine on

1 the institution in an amount that is the  
2 greater of—

3 “(I) \$500,000; or

4 “(II) twice the total amount of  
5 gifts or contracts that the institution  
6 is compelled to report pursuant to  
7 such civil action.

8 “(D) INELIGIBILITY FOR WAIVER.—In the  
9 case of an institution that is fined pursuant to  
10 subparagraph (A)(ii), (B)(ii), or (C)(ii), the  
11 Secretary shall prohibit the institution from ob-  
12 taining a waiver, or a renewal of a waiver,  
13 under section 117A.

14 “(b) SINGLE POINT-OF-CONTACT AT THE DEPART-  
15 MENT.—The Secretary shall maintain a single point-of-  
16 contact at the Department to—

17 “(1) receive and respond to inquiries and re-  
18 quests for technical assistance from institutions re-  
19 garding compliance with the requirements of sec-  
20 tions 117, 117A, 117B, and subsection (c) of this  
21 section;

22 “(2) coordinate and implement technical im-  
23 provements to the database described in section  
24 117(d)(1), including—

1           “(A) improving upload functionality by al-  
2           lowing for batch reporting, including by allow-  
3           ing institutions to upload one file with all re-  
4           quired information into the database;

5           “(B) publishing and maintaining a data-  
6           base users guide, which shall be reviewed and  
7           updated as practicable but not less than annu-  
8           ally, including information on how to edit an  
9           entry and how to report errors;

10          “(C) creating a standing user group (to  
11          which chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code,  
12          shall not apply) to discuss possible database im-  
13          provements, which group shall—

14               “(i) include at least—

15                   “(I) 3 members representing  
16                   public institutions with high or very  
17                   high levels of research activity (as de-  
18                   fined by the National Center for Edu-  
19                   cation Statistics);

20                   “(II) 2 members representing  
21                   private, nonprofit institutions with  
22                   high or very high levels of research  
23                   activity (as so defined);

24                   “(III) 2 members representing  
25                   proprietary institutions of higher edu-

1 cation (as defined in section 102(b));  
2 and

3 “(IV) 2 members representing  
4 area career and technical education  
5 schools (as defined in subparagraph  
6 (C) or (D) of section 3(3) of the Carl  
7 D. Perkins Career and Technical  
8 Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C.  
9 2302(3))); and

10 “(ii) meet at least twice a year with  
11 officials from the Department to discuss  
12 possible database improvements;

13 “(D) publishing, on a publicly available  
14 website, recommended database improvements  
15 following each meeting described in subpara-  
16 graph (C)(ii); and

17 “(E) responding, on a publicly available  
18 website, to each recommendation published  
19 under subparagraph (D) as to whether or not  
20 the Department will implement the rec-  
21 ommendation, including the rationale for either  
22 approving or rejecting the recommendation;

23 “(3) provide, every 90 days after the date of en-  
24 actment of the DETERRENT Act, status updates

1 on any pending or completed investigations and civil  
 2 actions under subsection (a)(1) to—

3 “(A) the authorizing committees; and

4 “(B) any institution that is the subject of  
 5 such investigation or action;

6 “(4) maintain, on a publicly accessible  
 7 website—

8 “(A) a full comprehensive list of all foreign  
 9 countries of concern and foreign entities of con-  
 10 cern; and

11 “(B) the date on which the last update was  
 12 made to such list; and

13 “(5) not later than 7 days after making an up-  
 14 date to the list maintained under paragraph (4)(A),  
 15 notify each institution required to comply with the  
 16 sections listed in paragraph (1) of such update.

17 “(c) INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLI-  
 18 ANCE OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONAL POLICY REQUIRE-  
 19 MENTS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An institution that is re-  
 21 quired to file a report under section 117, that is  
 22 seeking a waiver under section 117A, or that is sub-  
 23 ject to the requirements of section 117B, shall, not  
 24 later than the earlier of the date on which the insti-  
 25 tution files the first report under section 117, re-

1        requests the institution's first waiver under section  
2        117A, or first fulfills the requirements of section  
3        117B—

4                “(A) establish an institutional policy that  
5        the institution shall follow in meeting the re-  
6        quirements of sections 117, 117A, and 117B;  
7        and

8                “(B) designate and maintain at least one,  
9        but not more than three, current employees or  
10       legally authorized agents of such institution to  
11       serve as compliance officers to carry out the re-  
12       quirements listed in paragraph (2).

13               “(2) DUTIES OF COMPLIANCE OFFICERS.—A  
14       compliance officer designated by an institution under  
15       paragraph (1)(B) shall certify—

16               “(A) whenever the institution is required  
17       to file a report under section 117—

18               “(i) the institution's accurate compli-  
19       ance with the reporting requirements  
20       under such section;

21               “(ii) that the institution, in filing such  
22       report under section 117—

23               “(I) followed the institutional  
24       policy established under paragraph  
25       (1)(A) applicable to such section; and



1 “(II) conducted good faith efforts  
 2 and reasonable due diligence to ensure  
 3 that accurate information is provided  
 4 in such report; and

5 “(iii) in the case of a report under  
 6 section 117, any statements by the institu-  
 7 tion required to be certified by such an of-  
 8 ficer under clause (i) or (iv) of section  
 9 117(b)(1)(C); and

10 “(B) whenever the institution requests a  
 11 waiver under section 117A—

12 “(i) that the institution—

13 “(I) is in compliance with the re-  
 14 quirements of such section; and

15 “(II) followed the institutional  
 16 policy established under paragraph  
 17 (1)(A) applicable to such section; and

18 “(ii) the statement by the institution  
 19 required to be certified by such an officer  
 20 under section 117A(b)(2)(A)(ii)(II); and

21 “(C) whenever the institution is subject to  
 22 the requirements of section 117B, that the in-  
 23 stitution—

24 “(i) is in compliance with the require-  
 25 ments of such section; and

1 “(ii) followed the institutional policy  
2 established under paragraph (1)(A) appli-  
3 cable to such section.

4 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of sections 117,  
5 117A, 117B, and this section:

6 “(1) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The  
7 term ‘foreign country of concern’ means the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(A) Any covered nation defined in section  
10 4872 of title 10, United States Code.

11 “(B) Any country the Secretary, in con-  
12 sultation with the Secretary of Defense, the  
13 Secretary of State, and the Director of National  
14 Intelligence, determines, for purposes of sec-  
15 tions 117, 117A, 117B, or this section, to be  
16 engaged in conduct that is detrimental to the  
17 national security or foreign policy of the United  
18 States.

19 “(2) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The  
20 term ‘foreign entity of concern’ has the meaning  
21 given such term in section 10612(a) of the Research  
22 and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act  
23 (42 U.S.C. 19221(a)) and includes a foreign entity  
24 that is identified on the list published under section  
25 1286(c)(9)(A) of the John S. McCain National De-

1       fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10  
2       U.S.C. 4001 note; Public Law 115–232).

3           “(3) INSTITUTION.—The term ‘institution’  
4       means an institution of higher education (as such  
5       term is defined in section 102, other than an institu-  
6       tion described in subsection (a)(1)(C) of such sec-  
7       tion) with a program participation agreement under  
8       section 487.”.

9       (b) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.—Section  
10   487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
11   1094) is amended by adding at the end the following:

12           “(30)(A) An institution will comply with the re-  
13       quirements of sections 117, 117A, 117B, and  
14       117C(c).

15           “(B) In the case of an institution described in  
16       subparagraph (C), the institution will—

17           “(i) be ineligible to participate in the pro-  
18       grams authorized by this title for a period of  
19       not less than 2 institutional fiscal years; and

20           “(ii) in order to regain eligibility to partici-  
21       pate in such programs, demonstrate compliance  
22       with all requirements of each such section for  
23       not less than 2 institutional fiscal years after  
24       the institutional fiscal year in which such insti-  
25       tution became ineligible.

1           “(C) An institution described in this subpara-  
2 graph is an institution—

3           “(i) against which judgment has been  
4 granted in 3 separate civil actions described in  
5 section 117C(a)(2) that have each resulted in  
6 the institution being compelled to comply with  
7 one or more requirements of section 117, 117A,  
8 117B, or 117C(c); and

9           “(ii) that pursuant to section  
10 117C(a)(4)(E), is prohibited from obtaining a  
11 waiver, or a renewal of a waiver, under section  
12 117A.”.

13 (c) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

14           (1) STUDY.—Not later than January 31 of the  
15 second calendar year that begins after the date of  
16 enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of  
17 the United States shall initiate a study to identify  
18 ways to improve intergovernmental agency coordina-  
19 tion regarding implementation and enforcement of  
20 sections 117, 117A, 117B, and 117C(c) of the High-  
21 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f), as  
22 amended or added by this Act, including increasing  
23 information sharing, increasing compliance rates,  
24 and establishing processes for enforcement.

1           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the  
2       date of the initiation of the study under paragraph  
3       (1), the Comptroller General of the United States  
4       shall submit to Congress, and make public, a report  
5       containing the results of the study described in para-  
6       graph (1).

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