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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, and Mr. STRONG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

MAY 5, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. LUTTRELL and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 31, 2025]

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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 “DHS Restrictions on*
 5 *Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES’ HOST**
 7 **SCHOOLS.**

8 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

9 (1) *CHINESE ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term*
 10 *“Chinese entity of concern” means any university or*
 11 *college in the People’s Republic of China that—*

12 (A) *is involved in the implementation of*
 13 *military-civil fusion;*

14 (B) *participates in the Chinese defense in-*
 15 *dustrial base;*

16 (C) *is affiliated with the Chinese State Ad-*
 17 *ministration for Science, Technology and Indus-*
 18 *try for the National Defense;*

19 (D) *receives funding from any organization*
 20 *subordinate to the Central Military Commission*
 21 *of the Chinese Communist Party;*

22 (E) *provides support to any security, de-*
 23 *fense, police, or intelligence organization of the*
 24 *Government of the People’s Republic of China or*
 25 *the Chinese Communist Party;*

1 (F) purposefully undermines the United
2 States' relationship with Taiwan;

3 (G) aids, abets, or enables the detention, im-
4 prisonment, persecution, or forced labor of
5 Uyghur Muslims in the People's Republic of
6 China;

7 (H) willfully and knowingly engages in ma-
8 licious activities, including online
9 disinformation campaigns and propaganda, for
10 the purpose of interfering with United States
11 Federal, State, or local elections; or

12 (I) is affiliated with the Chinese Academy
13 of Sciences.

14 (2) CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.—The term “Confu-
15 cius Institute” means a cultural institute funded by
16 the Government of the People's Republic of China.

17 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
18 term “institution of higher education” has the mean-
19 ing given such term in section 102 of the Higher Edu-
20 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

21 (4) RELATIONSHIP.—The term “relationship”
22 means, with respect to an institution of higher edu-
23 cation, any contract awarded, or agreement entered
24 into, as well as any in-kind donation or gift, received

1 *from a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of con-*
2 *cern.*

3 (5) *THOUSAND TALENTS PROGRAM.*—*The term*
4 *“Thousand Talents Program” means any techno-*
5 *logical or educational program funded or adminis-*
6 *tered by the Chinese Communist Party’s Ministry of*
7 *Industry and Information Technology.*

8 (b) *RESTRICTIONS ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDU-*
9 *CATION.*—*Beginning with the first fiscal year that begins*
10 *after the date that is 12 months after the date of the enact-*
11 *ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall*
12 *ensure that an institution of higher education (referred to*
13 *in this subsection as an “institution”) which has a relation-*
14 *ship with a Confucius Institute, Thousand Talents Pro-*
15 *gram, or Chinese entity of concern is ineligible to receive*
16 *any funds from the Department of Homeland Security, un-*
17 *less the institution terminates the relationship between the*
18 *institution and such Confucius Institute, Thousand Talents*
19 *Program, or Chinese entity of concern, as the case may be.*
20 *Upon termination of such a relationship, the institution at*
21 *issue shall be eligible to receive funds from the Department*
22 *of Homeland Security.*

23 (c) *WAIVER.*—

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Homeland*
25 *Security may, after consultation with the Director of*

1 *National Intelligence, on a case-by-case basis and for*
2 *a period not to exceed one year, waive the application*
3 *of subsection (b) with respect to an institution of*
4 *higher education if the Secretary determines the insti-*
5 *tution at issue maintains robust safeguards and en-*
6 *forcement protocols to monitor the relationship at*
7 *issue, including active measures to detect and deter*
8 *attempts by Chinese nationals affiliated with a Con-*
9 *fucius Institute, Thousand Talents Program, or Chi-*
10 *nese entity of concern that is the subject of such rela-*
11 *tionship to gain unauthorized access to sensitive re-*
12 *search, data, or federally funded development activi-*
13 *ties conducted at or on the premises of, or by, such*
14 *institution, and either of the following conditions is*
15 *satisfied:*

16 *(A) The relationship at issue is in the na-*
17 *tional security interests of the United States.*

18 *(B) The relationship at issue does not*
19 *present a direct or indirect national security risk*
20 *to the United States or its allies.*

21 *(2) RENEWAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-*
22 *curity may, after consultation with the Director of*
23 *National Intelligence, annually renew a waiver issued*
24 *pursuant to paragraph (1) if the Secretary deter-*

1 *mines all of the conditions described in such para-*
2 *graph continue to be satisfied.*

3 (3) *EFFECTIVE DATES.*—*A waiver issued or re-*
4 *newed pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2), respectively,*
5 *takes effect and applies beginning on the date that is*
6 *30 days after such issuance or renewal, as the case*
7 *may be.*

8 (4) *NOTIFICATION.*—*If the Secretary of Home-*
9 *land Security, after consultation with the Director of*
10 *National Intelligence, issues or renews a waiver pur-*
11 *suant to paragraph (1) or (2), respectively, not later*
12 *than 30 days before such issuance or renewal, as the*
13 *case may be, takes effect, the Secretary shall submit*
14 *to the Committee on Homeland Security of the House*
15 *of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland*
16 *Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate*
17 *written notification regarding such issuance or re-*
18 *newal, including a justification relating thereto.*

19 (d) *ASSISTANCE.*—*The Secretary of Homeland Secu-*
20 *ity shall provide outreach and, upon request, technical as-*
21 *sistance to institutions of higher education relating to com-*
22 *pliance with this Act.*

23 (e) *REPORTS.*—*Not later than 18 months after the date*
24 *of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the*
25 *Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit to the Com-*

1 *mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-*
2 *tives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-*
3 *ernmental Affairs of the Senate a report regarding imple-*
4 *mentation of this section during the immediately preceding*
5 *12 month period. Each such report shall include informa-*
6 *tion relating to the following:*

7 (1) *Any institution of higher education that has*
8 *a relationship with a Confucius Institute, Thousand*
9 *Talents Program, or Chinese entity of concern and re-*
10 *ceives funds from the Department of Homeland Secu-*
11 *rity.*

12 (2) *The implementation of subsections (b), (c),*
13 *and (d).*

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