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H. R. 8649

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEAN of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the 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 “Transparency in Re-
5 porting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act”.

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

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title VIII
9 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

1 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 **“SEC. 8549D. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN**
4 **INFLUENCE.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving funds
6 under this Act, a local educational agency shall ensure
7 that each elementary school and each secondary school
8 served by such agency provides to each parent of a child
9 attending the school, at a minimum—

10 “(1) the right (in a manner consistent with
11 copyright law) to review, and make copies of free of
12 cost, at least every four weeks, any curricular mate-
13 rial or professional development material used at the
14 school that was purchased, or otherwise obtained,
15 using funds received from the government of a for-
16 eign country or a foreign entity of concern;

17 “(2) the right to know how many personnel of
18 the school are compensated, in whole or in part,
19 using funds received from the government of a for-
20 eign country or a foreign entity of concern; and

21 “(3) the right to know of—

22 “(A) any donation received by the school
23 or local educational agency from a foreign coun-
24 try or a foreign entity of concern;

1 “(B) any agreement in writing (such as a
2 contract or memorandum of understanding) be-
3 tween the school or local educational agency
4 and a foreign country or a foreign entity of con-
5 cern; and

6 “(C) any financial transaction between the
7 school or local educational agency and a foreign
8 country or a foreign entity of concern.

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

12 “(1) The name of the foreign country or foreign
13 entity of concern.

14 “(2) In any case in which funds were received
15 by the school or local educational agency from a for-
16 eign country or a foreign entity of concern—

17 “(A) the amount of such funds; and

18 “(B) any terms or conditions applicable to
19 the receipt of such funds.

20 “(c) NOTICE OF RIGHTS.—At the beginning of each
21 school year, a local educational agency receiving funds
22 under this Act shall ensure that each elementary school
23 and each secondary school served by such agency posts
24 on a publicly accessible website of the school or, if the
25 school does not operate a website, widely disseminates to

1 the public, a summary notice of the rights of parents de-
2 scribed in subsections (a) and (b).

3 “(d) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—At the be-
4 ginning of each school year, the Secretary shall notify
5 State educational agencies about the requirements of this
6 section. As a condition of receiving funds under this Act,
7 State educational agencies shall, at the beginning of each
8 school year, notify local educational agencies of the re-
9 quirements of this section.

10 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) The term ‘foreign country’ means a for-
12 eign country or a dependent territory or possession
13 of a foreign country. Such term does not include any
14 of the outlying areas.

15 “(2) The term ‘foreign entity of concern’ has
16 the meaning given such term in section 10612(a) of
17 the Research and Development, Competition, and
18 Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19221(a)).”.

19 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
20 section 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
21 of 1965 is amended by inserting after the item relating
22 to section 8549C the following:

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

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