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To prohibit the availability of Federal education funds for elementary and secondary schools that receive direct or indirect support from the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HERN of Oklahoma (for himself and Mr. KILEY of California) 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 “Promoting Responsible
5 Oversight To Eliminate Communist Teachings for Our
6 Kids Act” or the “PROTECT Our Kids Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, no funds may be made available under an ap-
4 plicable program to any elementary school or secondary
5 school that—

6 (1) has a partnership in effect with a cultural
7 or language institute directly or indirectly funded by
8 the Government of the People’s Republic of China,
9 including a Confucius Institute;

10 (2) operates a learning center directly or indi-
11 rectly supported by the Government of the People’s
12 Republic of China (commonly referred to as a “Con-
13 fucius Classroom”); or

14 (3) otherwise receives support from an indi-
15 vidual or entity acting directly or indirectly on behalf
16 of the Government of the People’s Republic of
17 China, including support in the form of teaching ma-
18 terials, personnel, funds, or other resources.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibition under sub-
20 section (a) shall take effect on the date that is one year
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (c) CONTRACTS MADE PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACT-
23 MENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—

25 (A) WAIVER REQUEST SUBMISSION.—In
26 the case of an elementary school or a secondary

1 school that is a party to a contract described in
2 paragraph (2), the school timely shall submit to
3 the Secretary a request for a waiver of the pro-
4 hibition under subsection (a) that includes—

5 (i) the complete and unredacted text
6 of the contract, and if the contract is not
7 in English, a translated copy of the text
8 into English; and

9 (ii) a statement demonstrating that
10 the contract is for the benefit of the
11 school's mission and students and will pro-
12 mote the security, stability, and economic
13 vitality of the United States.

14 (B) WAIVER ISSUANCE.—the Secretary,
15 upon receipt of a request submitted under sub-
16 paragraph (A), may issue a waiver to the school
17 for a period beginning on the effective date
18 specified in subsection (b) and ending the date
19 on which the contract terminates.

20 (2) CONTRACTS DESCRIBED.—A contract is de-
21 scribed in this paragraph if the contract—

22 (A) takes effect before the date of the en-
23 actment of this Act;

24 (B) continues to be effective after the ef-
25 fective date specified in subsection (b); and

1 (C) relates to at least one of the cir-
2 cumstances described in paragraph (1), (2), or
3 (3) of subsection (a).

4 (d) NOTICE TO AFFECTED SCHOOLS.—Not later
5 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
6 the Secretary shall provide notice to elementary and sec-
7 ondary schools of the requirements of this section together
8 with guidance for achieving compliance with such require-
9 ments.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPLICABLE PROGRAM.—The term “appli-
12 cable program” has the meaning given that term in
13 section 400(c)(1) of the General Education Provi-
14 sions Act (20 U.S.C. 1221(c)(1)).

15 (2) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
16 school”, “secondary school”, and “Secretary” have
17 the meanings given those terms in section 8101 of
18 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
19 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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