

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 554
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Saudi Educational
3 Transparency and Reform Act of 2019”.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi
7 Arabia for more than 15 years has made incre-
8 mental progress in removing intolerant content in
9 state-published textbooks.

10 (2) Saudi Arabia has committed to educational
11 reforms through its Vision 2030 and National
12 Transformation Program, and continues to partner
13 with the United States on counterterrorism.

14 (3) The 2006 “confirmation of policies” nego-
15 tiated by the United States and Saudi Arabia stated
16 that textbooks would be revised within one or two
17 years “to remove remaining intolerant references
18 that disparage Muslims or non-Muslims or that pro-

1 mote hatred toward other religions or religious
2 groups.”.

3 (4) According to the Department of State’s Au-
4 gust 2017 International Religious Freedom Report,
5 “[t]he government continued to distribute revised
6 textbooks, although some intolerant material re-
7 mained in circulation, particularly at the high school
8 level, including content justifying the execution of
9 ‘sorcerers’ ” and social exclusion of non-Muslims.

10 (5) Saudi textbooks have been exported inter-
11 nationally, including to countries in the Middle East,
12 Africa, South, Central, and South East Asia, and
13 parts of Europe and North America.

14 (6) The International Religious Freedom Act of
15 1998 requires the President to designate countries
16 in which violations of religious freedom are “system-
17 atic, ongoing, [and] egregious” as countries of par-
18 ticular concern.

19 (7) The President has designated Saudi Arabia
20 as a country of particular concern since 2004, pur-
21 suant to the International Religious Freedom Act of
22 1998, and a waiver of further action has been in
23 place since 2006.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that, in spite of some
3 progress, Saudi Arabia has not yet sufficiently met its
4 commitments for eliminating all forms of incitement from
5 its educational materials and curriculum in line with its
6 commitments to combat terrorism and violent extremism.

7 **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d), not
9 later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act and every year thereafter within 90 days of the
11 start of the new school year in Saudi Arabia for the next
12 ten years, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
13 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
14 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
15 a report reviewing educational materials published by
16 Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Education that are used in
17 schools both inside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and at
18 schools throughout the world.

19 (b) CONSULTATION.—Not later than 30 days after
20 the submission of a report under subsection (a), the Sec-
21 retary of State shall consult with the Committee on For-
22 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
23 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on the contents
24 of each such report.

25 (c) CONTENTS.—The reports required under sub-
26 section (a) should include the following:

1 (1) A detailed determination regarding whether
2 all intolerant content has been removed from edu-
3 cational materials published by Saudi Arabia's Min-
4 istry of Education that are used in schools both in-
5 side Saudi Arabia and at schools throughout the
6 world, including full quotations of all passages that
7 could be seen as encouraging violence or intolerance
8 towards adherents of religions other than Islam or
9 towards Muslims who hold dissenting views.

10 (2) A detailed assessment of the global expor-
11 tation of such materials, including the extent to
12 which such materials are used in privately funded
13 educational institutions overseas.

14 (3) A detailed summary of actions the Saudi
15 Government has taken to retrieve and destroy mate-
16 rials with intolerant material.

17 (4) A detailed assessment of the Saudi Govern-
18 ment's efforts to revise teacher manuals and retrain
19 teachers to reflect changes in educational materials
20 and promote tolerance.

21 (5) A detailed determination regarding whether
22 issuing a waiver regarding Saudi Arabia as a coun-
23 try of particular concern under the International Re-
24 ligious Freedom Act of 1998 furthers the purposes

1 of such Act or is otherwise in the important national
2 security interests of the United States.

3 (d) TERMINATION.—

4 (1) BEFORE TEN YEARS.—If at any time after
5 submission of a report required under subsection (a)
6 but before the expiration of the 10-year period re-
7 ferred to in such subsection, the Secretary of State
8 determines that intolerant religious content has been
9 removed completely from Saudi Arabia’s education
10 materials, the requirement to submit any remaining
11 reports under such subsection shall not apply.

12 (2) AT TEN YEARS.—If at the end of the 10-
13 year period referred to in subsection (a), the Sec-
14 retary of State determines that intolerant religious
15 content remains in Saudi Arabia’s education mate-
16 rials, the termination of the requirement to submit
17 reports under such subsection shall not apply and
18 such reports shall be submitted for a further five
19 years.

20 (e) FORM.—Reports under this section shall be sub-
21 mitted in an unclassified form, but may contain a classi-
22 fied annex.

23 **SEC. 5. TRANSPARENCY.**

24 Not later than 60 days after the submission of the
25 annual reports required under section 4, the Secretary of

1 State shall make copies of reviewed Saudi educational ma-
2 terials publicly available on a website of the Department
3 of State.

