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To require the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to identify and mitigate relationships that pose a risk to United States foreign policy interests between certain European institutions and certain covered entities of concern, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself and Mr. FINE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Transatlantic Aca-
5 demic Security and Risk Mitigation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY.**

2 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under
4 Secretary of State for Political Affairs shall submit to the
5 appropriate congressional committees a strategy regarding
6 covered European institutions that maintain academic, fi-
7 nancial, research, governance, programmatic, data-shar-
8 ing, or other relevant direct or indirect relationships with
9 covered entities of concern. Such strategy shall also in-
10 clude each of the following:

11 (1) The manner in which the Department of
12 State will identify, evaluate, and mitigate the rela-
13 tionships that pose a risk to United States foreign
14 policy interests between European institutions and
15 covered entities of concern.

16 (2) An assessment of the scale, scope, and ac-
17 tivities of covered entities of concern in Europe,
18 disaggregated by country and including any other
19 relevant operational or financial details.

20 (3) An evaluation of the vulnerabilities, threats,
21 and national security risks posed to the United
22 States and to European allies and partners arising
23 from the presence, activities, or influence efforts of
24 covered entities of concern in European countries.

25 (4) A list of recommendations for bilateral and
26 multilateral United States diplomatic engagement

1 with European governments and covered European
2 institutions aimed at mitigating risks associated with
3 covered entities of concern.

4 (5) Any other matters the Under Secretary of
5 State for Political Affairs determines relevant.

6 (b) FORM.—The strategy required by subsection (a)
7 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain
8 a classified annex.

9 (c) BRIEFING.—Concurrently with the submission of
10 the strategy required by subsection (a), the Under Sec-
11 retary of State for Political Affairs shall submit to the
12 appropriate congressional committees a briefing on that
13 strategy.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
16 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
19 the House of Representatives; and

20 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
21 the Senate.

22 (2) COVERED ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
23 “covered entity of concern” means—

24 (A) any entity of the People’s Republic of
25 China that—

- 1 (i) is involved in the implementation
2 of military-civil fusion;
- 3 (ii) participates in the Chinese defense
4 industrial base;
- 5 (iii) is affiliated with the Chinese
6 State Administration for Science, Tech-
7 nology and Industry for the National De-
8 fense;
- 9 (iv) receives funding from any organi-
10 zation subordinate to the Central Military
11 Commission of the Chinese Communist
12 Party;
- 13 (v) provides support to any security,
14 defense, police, or intelligence organization
15 of the Government of the People's Republic
16 of China or the Chinese Communist Party;
- 17 (vi) engages in coordinated activities
18 or provides material support intended to
19 undermine the United States relationship
20 with Taiwan;
- 21 (vii) aids, abets, or enables the deten-
22 tion, imprisonment, persecution, or forced
23 labor of Uyghur Muslims in the People's
24 Republic of China; or

1 (viii) is affiliated with the Chinese
2 Academy of Sciences or the Chinese Peo-
3 ple's Political Consultative Conference;

4 (B) any entity that participates, directly or
5 indirectly, in a foreign talent recruitment pro-
6 gram of the People's Republic of China or has
7 participated in such a program at any time in
8 the 10-year period ending on the date of the
9 submission of the report required by subsection
10 (a);

11 (C) any entity that directs support or co-
12 ordination of student groups, language or cul-
13 tural centers, or other on-campus entities (in-
14 cluding Confucius Institutes or Chinese Student
15 and Scholars Associations directed or funded,
16 directly or indirectly, by the Government of the
17 People's Republic of China); or

18 (D) any entity that engages in foreign ma-
19 lign influence or interference involving subver-
20 sive, undeclared, coercive, or criminal activities,
21 which may include propaganda, information
22 manipulation, or efforts to influence academic,
23 political, or civic institutions, whether con-
24 ducted directly by foreign governments, state-
25 linked entities, or through affiliated non-state

1 actors, or their proxies, including through and
2 by the United Front Work Department.

3 (3) COVERED EUROPEAN INSTITUTION.—The
4 term “covered European institution” means an insti-
5 tution of higher education or a research institution
6 located in Europe.

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