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H. R. 881

To establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes.

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

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

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES' HOST**
2 **SCHOOLS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

7 (A) is involved in the implementation of
8 military-civil fusion;

9 (B) participates in the Chinese defense in-
10 dustrial base;

11 (C) is affiliated with the Chinese State Ad-
12 ministration for Science, Technology and Indus-
13 try for the National Defense;

14 (D) receives funding from any organization
15 subordinate to the Central Military Commission
16 of the Chinese Communist Party;

17 (E) provides support to any security, de-
18 fense, police, or intelligence organization of the
19 Government of the People’s Republic of China
20 or the Chinese Communist Party;

21 (F) purposefully undermines the United
22 States’ relationship with Taiwan;

23 (G) aids, abets, or enables the detention,
24 imprisonment, persecution, or forced labor of
25 Uyghur Muslims in the People’s Republic of
26 China;

1 (H) willfully and knowingly engages in ma-
2 licious activities, including online disinformation
3 campaigns and propaganda, for the purpose of
4 interfering with United States Federal, State,
5 or local elections; or

6 (I) is affiliated with the Chinese Academy
7 of Sciences.

8 (2) CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.—The term “Confu-
9 cius Institute” means a cultural institute funded by
10 the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

11 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
12 term “institution of higher education” has the
13 meaning given such term in section 102 of the High-
14 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

15 (4) RELATIONSHIP.—The term “relationship”
16 means, with respect to an institution of higher edu-
17 cation, any contract awarded, or agreement entered
18 into, as well as any in-kind donation or gift, received
19 from a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of con-
20 cern.

21 (5) THOUSAND TALENTS PROGRAM.—The term
22 “Thousand Talents Program” means any techno-
23 logical or educational program funded or adminis-
24 tered by the Chinese Communist Party’s Ministry of
25 Industry and Information Technology.

1 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION.—Beginning with the first fiscal year that be-
3 gins after the date that is 12 months after the date of
4 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
5 curity shall ensure that an institution of higher education
6 (referred to in this subsection as an “institution”) which
7 has a relationship with a Confucius Institute, Thousand
8 Talents Program, or Chinese entity of concern is ineligible
9 to receive any funds from the Department of Homeland
10 Security, unless the institution terminates the relationship
11 between the institution and such Confucius Institute,
12 Thousand Talents Program, or Chinese entity of concern,
13 as the case may be. Upon termination of such a relation-
14 ship, the institution at issue shall be eligible to receive
15 funds from the Department of Homeland Security.

16 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security
17 shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security of
18 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
19 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
20 ate a report containing information regarding any institu-
21 tion of higher education that has a relationship with a
22 Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of concern and re-
23 ceives funds from the Department of Homeland Security.

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