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# S. 2470

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2021

Mr. HAWLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Love America Act of  
5 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Since the founding of the United States, the  
2           institutions of the United States of America have set  
3           the worldwide standard for promoting democracy,  
4           freedom, liberty, and virtue.

5           (2) Increasingly, students across the country  
6           are being taught misinformation, including that the  
7           principles of the founding of the United States were  
8           lies from the start, that the core institutions of the  
9           United States are fundamentally racist and designed  
10          to propagate racism, and that it is acceptable to im-  
11          pute guilt to present-day individuals based on the  
12          color of their skin, rather than the content of their  
13          character.

14          (3) The best antidote to misinformation is the  
15          truth, which is reflected in the documents relating to  
16          the founding of the United States and other arti-  
17          facts of the United States, including the Declaration  
18          of Independence, the Constitution of the United  
19          States, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 **SEC. 3. POLICY.**

21          It is the policy of the United States that students  
22          in elementary and secondary school should know the truth  
23          about the history and documents relating to the founding  
24          of the United States, which express the principles that  
25          unite the people of the United States, including the Dec-

1 laration of Independence, the Constitution of the United  
2 States, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF EDUCATIONAL AGENCY OR**  
4 **SCHOOL.**

5 In this Act, the term “educational agency or school”  
6 means—

7 (1) an elementary school, as defined in section  
8 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education  
9 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801);

10 (2) a secondary school, as defined in such sec-  
11 tion;

12 (3) a local educational agency, as defined in  
13 such section; or

14 (4) a State educational agency, as defined in  
15 such section.

16 **SEC. 5. RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL FUNDS TO EDU-**  
17 **CATIONAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS.**

18 (a) RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL FUNDS.—Notwith-  
19 standing any other provision of law, Federal funds shall  
20 only be provided to an educational agency or school in  
21 which—

22 (1) students in the first grade read and are able  
23 to recite the Pledge of Allegiance;

1           (2) students in the fourth grade read the Con-  
2           stitution of the United States and are able to recite  
3           its preamble;

4           (3) students in the eighth grade read the Dec-  
5           laration of Independence and are able to recite its  
6           preamble; and

7           (4) students in the tenth grade read and are  
8           able to identify the Bill of Rights.

9           (b) RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TEACH-  
10          ING THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENTS ARE PRODUCTS OF  
11          WHITE SUPREMACY OR RACISM.—Notwithstanding any  
12          other provision of law, no Federal funds shall be provided  
13          to an educational agency or school that teaches that the  
14          Pledge of Allegiance, the Declaration of Independence, or  
15          the Constitution of the United States is a product of white  
16          supremacy or racism.

17          **SEC. 6. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

18          Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit any  
19          right of students guaranteed under the First Amendment  
20          to the Constitution of the United States.

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