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To ensure that parents are aware of foreign influence in their child’s public school, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Transparency in Re-
5 porting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN INFLU-**
7 **ENCE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title VIII
9 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

1 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 **“SEC. 8549D. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN**
4 **INFLUENCE.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving funds
6 under this Act, a local educational agency shall ensure
7 that each elementary school and each secondary school
8 served by such agency provides to each parent of a child
9 attending the school, at a minimum—

10 “(1) the right (in a manner consistent with
11 copyright law) to review, and make copies of free of
12 cost, at least every four weeks and not later than 30
13 days after submission of a written request by the
14 parent, any curricular material or professional devel-
15 opment material used at the school that was pur-
16 chased, or otherwise obtained, using funds received
17 from the government of a foreign country or a for-
18 eign entity of concern;

19 “(2) the right to know, by written response pro-
20 vided not later than 30 days after submission of a
21 written request by the parent, how many personnel
22 of the school are compensated, in whole or in part,
23 using funds received from the government of a for-
24 eign country or a foreign entity of concern; and

1 “(3) the right to know, by written response pro-
 2 vided not later than 30 days after submission of a
 3 written request by the parent, of—

4 “(A) any donation received by the school
 5 or local educational agency from a foreign coun-
 6 try or a foreign entity of concern;

7 “(B) any agreement in writing (such as a
 8 contract or memorandum of understanding) be-
 9 tween the school or local educational agency
 10 and a foreign country or a foreign entity of con-
 11 cern; and

12 “(C) any financial transaction between the
 13 school or local educational agency and a foreign
 14 country or a foreign entity of concern.

15 “(b) DONATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND FINANCIAL
 16 TRANSACTIONS.—The information described in subsection
 17 (a)(3) shall include, at minimum, the following:

18 “(1) The name of the foreign country or foreign
 19 entity of concern.

20 “(2) In any case in which funds were received
 21 by the school or local educational agency from a for-
 22 eign country or a foreign entity of concern—

23 “(A) the amount of such funds; and

24 “(B) any terms or conditions applicable to
 25 the receipt of such funds.

1 “(c) NOTICE OF RIGHTS.—At the beginning of each
 2 school year, a local educational agency receiving funds
 3 under this Act shall ensure that each elementary school
 4 and each secondary school served by such agency posts
 5 on a publicly accessible website of the school or, if the
 6 school does not operate a website, widely disseminates to
 7 the public, a summary notice of the rights of parents de-
 8 scribed in subsections (a) and (b).

9 “(d) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—At the be-
 10 ginning of each school year, the Secretary shall notify
 11 State educational agencies about the requirements of this
 12 section. As a condition of receiving funds under this Act,
 13 State educational agencies shall, at the beginning of each
 14 school year, notify local educational agencies of the re-
 15 quirements of this section.

16 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) The term ‘foreign country’ means a for-
 18 eign country or a dependent territory or possession
 19 of a foreign country. Such term does not include any
 20 of the outlying areas.

21 “(2) The term ‘foreign entity of concern’ has
 22 the meaning given such term in section 10612(a) of
 23 the Research and Development, Competition, and
 24 Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19221(a)).”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents in
2 section 2 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
3 of 1965 is amended by inserting after the item relating
4 to section 8549C the following:

“Sec. 8549D. Parents’ right to know about foreign influence.”.

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