

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1049

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## AN ACT

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

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Transparency in Re-  
3    porting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act” or  
4    the “TRACE Act”.

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

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of part F of title VIII  
8    of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965  
9    (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
10   the following:

11 **“SEC. 8549D. PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOREIGN**  
12                                   **INFLUENCE.**

13       “(a) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving funds  
14    under this Act, a local educational agency shall ensure  
15    that each elementary school and each secondary school  
16    served by such agency provides to each parent of a child  
17    attending the school, at a minimum—

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

1 “(2) 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, how many personnel  
4 of the school are compensated, in whole or in part,  
5 using funds received from the government of a for-  
6 eign country or a foreign entity of concern; and

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

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

13 “(B) any agreement in writing (such as a  
14 contract or memorandum of understanding) be-  
15 tween the school or local educational agency  
16 and a foreign country or a foreign entity of con-  
17 cern; and

18 “(C) any financial transaction between the  
19 school or local educational agency and a foreign  
20 country or a foreign entity of concern.

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

24 “(1) The name of the foreign country or foreign  
25 entity of concern.

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

4                       “(A) the amount of such funds; and

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

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

15          “(d) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS.—At the be-  
16          ginning of each school year, the Secretary shall notify  
17          State educational agencies about the requirements of this  
18          section. As a condition of receiving funds under this Act,  
19          State educational agencies shall, at the beginning of each  
20          school year, notify local educational agencies of the re-  
21          quirements of this section.

22          “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23                       “(1) The term ‘foreign country’ means a for-  
24           eign country or a dependent territory or possession

1 of a foreign country. Such term does not include any  
2 of the outlying areas.

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

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives December 4,  
2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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