

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1318

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation

AN ACT

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and
Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country
for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restric-
tion, 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 “United States Re-
3 search Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN COUN-**
5 **TRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOREIGN**
6 **TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

7 Paragraph (4) of section 10638 of title VI of division
8 B of the Research and Development, Competition, and In-
9 novation Act (Public Law 117–167; 42 U.S.C. 19237) is
10 amended—

11 (1) by inserting “of concern” after “foreign
12 country” each place such term appears;

13 (2) by striking “means—” and all that follows
14 through “any program, position, or activity” and in-
15 serting “means any program, position, or activity”;

16 (3) by striking subparagraph (B);

17 (4) by redesignating clauses (i) through (ix) as
18 subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively, and
19 moving such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two
20 ems to the left;

21 (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
22 as so redesignated, by striking “directly provided”
23 and inserting “whether directly or indirectly pro-
24 vided”; and

1 (6) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by
2 striking “; and” and inserting a period.

Passed the House of Representatives March 24,
2025.

Attest: **KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,**
Clerk.