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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLINE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 15, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SELF, Mr. BOST, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. BARR, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. MANN, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. KIM, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, and Mr. OWENS

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 7, 2025]

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 “Protecting Our Courts*
 5 *from Foreign Manipulation Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. TRANSPARENCY AND LIMITATIONS ON FOREIGN**
 7 **THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FUNDING.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 111 of title 28, United*
 9 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*
 10 **“§1660. Transparency and limitations on foreign**
 11 **third-party litigation funding**

12 **“(a) PROHIBITION ON THIRD-PARTY FUNDING LITIGA-**
 13 **TION BY FOREIGN STATES AND SOVEREIGN WEALTH**
 14 **FUNDS.—**

15 **“(1) FUNDING PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlaw-**
 16 **ful—**

17 **“(A) for any foreign state or sovereign**
 18 **wealth fund to provide any monetary support ei-**
 19 **ther directly or indirectly for initiating or liti-**
 20 **gating a civil action in which it is not a named**
 21 **party; or**

22 **“(B) for any party or counsel to receive**
 23 **from a foreign state or sovereign wealth fund**
 24 **any monetary support either directly or indi-**
 25 **rectly for initiating or litigating a civil action**

1 *in which the foreign state or sovereign wealth*
2 *fund is not a named party.*

3 “(2) *SOURCING PROHIBITION.*—*It shall be un-*
4 *lawful for any party or counsel to enter into an*
5 *agreement creating a right for anyone, other than the*
6 *named parties or counsel of record, to receive any*
7 *payment that is contingent, in any respect, on pro-*
8 *ceeds from the action or from any matter within a*
9 *portfolio of civil actions that includes the civil action*
10 *and involves the same counsel of record or affiliated*
11 *counsel, the terms of which are to be satisfied by*
12 *money that has been or will be directly or indirectly*
13 *sourced, in whole or in part, from a foreign state or*
14 *a sovereign wealth fund.*

15 “(b) *ENFORCEMENT.*—

16 “(1) *NULL AND VOID.*—*Any obligation to provide*
17 *monetary support or agreement in violation of sub-*
18 *section (a) shall be null and void.*

19 “(2) *DISMISSAL.*—*Any civil action in which*
20 *monetary support in violation of subsection (a) has*
21 *been or is being used by a plaintiff to litigate the civil*
22 *action shall be dismissed with prejudice and subject*
23 *to terms the court considers proper.*

24 “(3) *RELIEF ON MOTION.*—*Any final judgment*
25 *entered in a civil action in which monetary support*

1 *in violation of subsection (a) was used may be subject*
 2 *to being relieved on motion made pursuant to Rule*
 3 *60(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.*

4 “(c) *DISCLOSURE OF THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION*
 5 *FUNDING AND FOREIGN SOURCE CERTIFICATION BY FOR-*
 6 *EIGN PERSONS, FOREIGN STATES, AND SOVEREIGN*
 7 *WEALTH FUNDS.—*

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—In any civil action, each*
 9 *party or the counsel of record for the party shall—*

10 “(A) *disclose in writing to the court, to all*
 11 *other named parties to the civil action, to the At-*
 12 *torney General, and to the Principal Deputy As-*
 13 *sistant Attorney General for National Security—*

14 “(i) *the name, the address and, if ap-*
 15 *plicable, the citizenship or the country of*
 16 *incorporation or registration of any foreign*
 17 *person, foreign state, or sovereign wealth*
 18 *fund, other than the named parties or coun-*
 19 *sel of record, that—*

20 “(I) *has provided or has agreed to*
 21 *provide direct or indirect monetary*
 22 *support for initiating or litigating the*
 23 *civil action;*

24 “(II) *has a right to receive any*
 25 *payment that is contingent, in any re-*

1 *spect, on proceeds from the civil action*
2 *pursuant to a settlement, judgment,*
3 *award of attorney's fees, or pursuant*
4 *to any other outcome of the civil ac-*
5 *tion; or*

6 *“(III) has a right to receive any*
7 *payment that is contingent, in any re-*
8 *spect, on proceeds from any matter*
9 *within a portfolio of civil actions that*
10 *includes the civil action by settlement,*
11 *judgement, award of attorney's fees, or*
12 *pursuant to any other outcome of the*
13 *civil action, and involves the same*
14 *counsel of record or affiliated counsel;*
15 *and*

16 *“(ii) if the party or the counsel of*
17 *record for the party submits a certification*
18 *described in subparagraph (C)(i), the name,*
19 *the address, and, if applicable, the citizen-*
20 *ship or the country of incorporation or reg-*
21 *istration of the foreign person, foreign state,*
22 *or sovereign wealth fund that is the source*
23 *of the money;*

24 *“(B) produce to the court, to all other*
25 *named parties to the civil action, to the Attorney*

1 *General, and to the Principal Deputy Assistant*
2 *Attorney General for National Security, except*
3 *as otherwise stipulated or ordered by the court,*
4 *a copy of any documentation concerning mone-*
5 *tary support described in subparagraph (A)(i)(I)*
6 *or any agreement creating a contingent right de-*
7 *scribed in subclause (II) or (III) of subpara-*
8 *graph (A)(i); and*

9 “(C) for a civil action in which direct or
10 indirect monetary support for initiating or liti-
11 gating the civil action has been or will be pro-
12 vided or in which there is an agreement creating
13 a right to receive any payment by anyone, other
14 than the named parties or counsel of record, that
15 is contingent, in any respect, on proceeds from
16 of the civil action by settlement, judgment,
17 award of attorney’s fees, or pursuant to any
18 other outcome of the civil action, or on proceeds
19 from any matter within a portfolio that includes
20 the civil action and involves the same counsel or
21 affiliated counsel, submit to the court a certifi-
22 cation that—

23 “(i) the money that has been or will be
24 used to provide monetary support or satisfy
25 any term of the agreement has been or will

1 *be directly or indirectly sourced, in whole or*
 2 *in part, from a foreign person, foreign state,*
 3 *or sovereign wealth fund, including the*
 4 *monetary amounts that have been or will be*
 5 *used to satisfy the agreement; or*

6 *“(ii) that the disclosure and certifi-*
 7 *cation criteria set forth in subparagraph*
 8 *(A)(ii) and clause (i) of this subparagraph*
 9 *do not apply to the civil action.*

10 “(2) *TIMING.—*

11 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any disclosure and cer-*
 12 *tification required under paragraph (1) for a*
 13 *civil action described in such paragraph shall be*
 14 *made not later than the later of—*

15 *“(i) 30 days after the date on which*
 16 *any monetary support that is required to be*
 17 *disclosed pursuant to paragraph*
 18 *(1)(A)(i)(I), or any portion thereof, is ini-*
 19 *tially provided, or any agreement described*
 20 *in subclause (I), (II), or (III) of paragraph*
 21 *(1)(A)(i) is executed; or*

22 *“(ii) the date on which the civil action*
 23 *is filed.*

24 *“(B) PARTIES SERVED OR JOINED LATER.—*

25 *A party that has disclosure and certification ob-*

1 *ligations under paragraph (1) that is first joined*
2 *in the civil action after the date on which the*
3 *civil action is filed shall make any disclosure*
4 *and certification required under paragraph (1)*
5 *not later than 30 days after being joined, unless*
6 *a different time is set by stipulation or court*
7 *order.*

8 *“(3) FOREIGN SOURCE DISCLOSURE AND CER-*
9 *TIFICATION FORMAT.—*

10 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any disclosure required*
11 *under paragraph (1)(A) and a certification re-*
12 *quired under paragraph (1)(C) shall—*

13 *“(i) be made in the form of a declara-*
14 *tion under penalty of perjury pursuant to*
15 *section 1746 and shall be made to the best*
16 *knowledge, information, and belief of the de-*
17 *clarant formed after reasonable inquiry;*
18 *and*

19 *“(ii) be provided to all other named*
20 *parties to the civil action, to the Attorney*
21 *General, and to the Principal Deputy As-*
22 *stant Attorney General for National Secu-*
23 *rity by the party or counsel of record for the*
24 *party making the disclosure and certifi-*

1 *cation, except as otherwise stipulated or or-*
2 *dered by the court.*

3 “(B) *SUPPLEMENTATION AND CORREC-*
4 *TION.—Not later than 30 days after the date on*
5 *which a party or counsel of record for the party*
6 *knew or should have known that a disclosure*
7 *made under paragraph (1)(A) or a certification*
8 *made under paragraph (1)(C) is incomplete or*
9 *inaccurate in any material respect, the party or*
10 *counsel of record shall supplement or correct the*
11 *disclosure or certification.*

12 “(d) *FAILURE TO DISCLOSE, TO SUPPLEMENT; SANC-*
13 *TIONS.—A disclosure, production, or certification under*
14 *subsection (b) is deemed to be information required by Rule*
15 *26(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and subject*
16 *to the sanctions provisions of Rule 37 of the Federal Rules*
17 *of Civil Procedure.*

18 “(e) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

19 “(1) *the term ‘foreign person’—*

20 “(A) *means any person or entity that is not*
21 *a United States person, as defined in section 101*
22 *of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of*
23 *1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801); and*

24 “(B) *does not include a foreign state or a*
25 *sovereign wealth fund;*

1 “(2) the term ‘foreign state’ has the meaning
2 given that term in section 1603; and

3 “(3) the term ‘sovereign wealth fund’ means an
4 investment fund owned or controlled, directly or indi-
5 rectly, by a foreign state or an agency or instrumen-
6 tality of a foreign state (as defined in section 1603).”.

7 (b) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—The
8 table of sections chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code,
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

 “1660. Transparency and limitations on foreign third-party litigation funding.”.

10 **SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

11 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of
12 this Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General
13 shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
14 ate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of
15 Representatives a report on the activities involving foreign
16 third-party litigation funding in Federal courts, including,
17 if applicable—

18 (1) the identities of foreign third-party litigation
19 funders in Federal courts, including names, addresses,
20 and citizenship or country of incorporation or reg-
21 istration;

22 (2) the identities of foreign persons, foreign
23 states, or sovereign wealth funds (as such terms are
24 defined in section 1660 of title 28, United States
25 Code, as added by section 2 of this Act) that have

1 *been the sources of money for third-party litigation*
2 *funding in Federal courts;*

3 *(3) the judicial districts in which foreign third-*
4 *party litigation funding has occurred;*

5 *(4) an estimate of the total amount of foreign-*
6 *sourced money used for third-party litigation funding*
7 *in Federal courts, including an estimate of the*
8 *amount of such money sourced from each country;*
9 *and*

10 *(5) a summary of the subject matters of the civil*
11 *actions in Federal courts for which foreign sourced*
12 *money has been used for third-party litigation fund-*
13 *ing.*

14 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY.**

15 *The amendments made by this Act shall apply to any*
16 *civil action pending on or commenced on or after the date*
17 *of enactment of this Act.*

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