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H. R. 6487

To prohibit the issuance of certain visas to nationals of the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HARRIGAN (for himself and Mr. MOOLENAAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit the issuance of certain visas to nationals of the People’s Republic of China, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Education
5 and Critical U.S. Research and Employment in STEM Act
6 of 2025” or the “SECURE STEM Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN VISA ISSUANCES.**

2 (a) VISA INELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding any other
3 provision of law and except as provided in subsection (c),
4 the Secretary of State may not issue a visa to, and the
5 Secretary of Homeland Security may not admit to the
6 United States, a covered foreign national who is seeking
7 admission to the United States under a covered visa cat-
8 egory.

9 (b) EMPLOYMENT PROHIBITION AT NATIONAL LAB-
10 ORATORIES.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this
11 Act, a national research laboratory may not employ a cov-
12 ered foreign national who is present in the United States
13 under a covered visa category on the date of enactment
14 of this Act.

15 (c) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—The Secretary of
16 State and the Secretary of Homeland Security may jointly
17 waive the application of subsections (a) and (b) with re-
18 spect to a specific individual if the Secretaries determine
19 that such a waiver is in the National interest of the United
20 States.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

22 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
23 retary of Homeland Security, shall submit to the Com-
24 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign
25 Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
26 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign

1 Relations of the Senate, a biannual report, including, for
2 the previous 180-day period—

3 (1) the total number of waivers granted under
4 section 2(c);

5 (2) a summary of the justification for each
6 waiver; and

7 (3) biographical information about each recipi-
8 ent of such a waiver, including any prior affiliation
9 with foreign state-sponsored institutions.

10 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

11 For purposes of this Act:

12 (1) The term “covered visa category” means a
13 nonimmigrant visa issued under any of the following:

14 (A) Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Im-
15 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
16 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)).

17 (B) Section 101(a)(15)(O)(i) of the Immi-
18 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
19 1101(a)(15)(O)(i)).

20 (C) Section 101(a)(15)(J) of the Immigra-
21 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
22 1101(a)(15)(J)).

23 (D) Section 101(a)(15)(F), (J), or (M) of
24 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
25 1101(a)(15)(F), (J), or (M)) (student visas).

1 (2) The term “covered foreign national” means
2 an alien who is a national of any of the following:

3 (A) The People’s Republic of China.

4 (B) The Russian Federation.

5 (C) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

6 (D) The Democratic People’s Republic of
7 Korea.

8 (E) The Republic of Cuba.

9 (3) The term “national research laboratory”
10 means a “Federal laboratory” as such term is de-
11 fined in section 4 of the Stevenson–Wydler Tech-
12 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703).

13 **SEC. 5. RULES.**

14 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
15 of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with
16 the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall make such rules
17 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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