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To establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. CRUZ) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “DHS Restrictions on
5 Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES' HOST**
 2 **SCHOOLS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) CHINESE ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
 5 “Chinese entity of concern” means any university or
 6 college in the People’s Republic of China that—

7 (A) is involved in the implementation of
 8 military-civil fusion;

9 (B) participates in the Chinese defense in-
 10 dustrial base;

11 (C) is affiliated with the Chinese State Ad-
 12 ministration for Science, Technology, and In-
 13 dustry for the National Defense;

14 (D) receives funding from any organization
 15 subordinate to the Central Military Commission
 16 of the Chinese Communist Party; or

17 (E) provides support to any security, de-
 18 fense, police, or intelligence organization of the
 19 Government of the People’s Republic of China
 20 or the Chinese Communist Party.

21 (2) CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.—The term “Confu-
 22 cius Institute” means a cultural institute funded by
 23 the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

24 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
 25 term “institution of higher education” has the

1 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
2 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

3 (4) RELATIONSHIP.—The term “relationship”
4 means, with respect to an institution of higher edu-
5 cation, any contract awarded, or agreement entered
6 into, as well as any in-kind donation or gift, received
7 from a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of con-
8 cern.

9 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
10 EDUCATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with the first fis-
12 cal year that begins after the date that is 12 months
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of Homeland Security shall ensure that an in-
15 stitution of higher education that has a relationship
16 with a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of con-
17 cern is ineligible to receive any funds from the De-
18 partment of Homeland Security, unless the institu-
19 tion of higher education terminates the relationship
20 between the institution of higher education and such
21 Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of concern, as
22 the case may be.

23 (2) TERMINATION.—Upon the termination of a
24 relationship described in paragraph (1), the institu-
25 tion of higher education at issue shall be eligible to

- 1 receive funds from the Department of Homeland Se-
- 2 curity.

