

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1738

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education from receiving gifts from or entering into contracts with foreign countries of concern.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2025

Mr. SULLIVAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## 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 “Securing Academia  
5       from Foreign Entanglements Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FUNDS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

7       (a) DISCLOSURES OF FOREIGN GIFTS.—Section  
8       117(h)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 1011f(h)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting “, except  
 2 that such term does not include a foreign country of con-  
 3 cern as defined in section 117A” after “agency of a for-  
 4 eign government”.

5 (b) PROHIBITION ON FUNDS FROM FOREIGN COUN-  
 6 TRIES OF CONCERN.—Title I of the Higher Education Act  
 7 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended by inserting  
 8 after section 117 the following:

9 **“SEC. 117A. PROHIBITION ON GIFTS FROM FOREIGN COUN-**  
 10 **TRIES OF CONCERN.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) CONTRACT.—The term ‘contract’ has the  
 13 meaning given that term in section 117.

14 “(2) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The  
 15 term ‘foreign country of concern’ includes the fol-  
 16 lowing:

17 “(A) A country that is a covered nation (as  
 18 defined in section 4872(d) of title 10, United  
 19 States Code).

20 “(B) Any country that the Secretary, in  
 21 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the  
 22 Secretary of State, and the Director of National  
 23 Intelligence, determines to be engaged in con-  
 24 duct that is detrimental to the national security  
 25 or foreign policy of the United States.

1           “(3) GIFT.—The term ‘gift’ has the meaning  
2           given that term in section 117.

3           “(4) INSTITUTION.—The term ‘institution’ has  
4           the meaning given that term in section 117.

5           “(b) IN GENERAL.—An institution shall not receive  
6           a gift from or enter into a contract with a foreign country  
7           of concern.

8           “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section shall  
9           not be construed to affect the payment of tuition, room  
10          and board, fees, or other aspects of cost of attendance.”.

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