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# S. 3181

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Restricting Ex-Vetted  
5       Officials from Knowledge Exploitation Act” or the “RE-  
6       VOKE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVOCATION OF SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN PERSONS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
4 sion of law, the Secretary of Defense shall suspend or re-  
5 voke a security clearance or eligibility for access to classi-  
6 fied information for any retired or separated member of  
7 the Armed Forces or civilian employee of the Department  
8 of Defense who engages in an activity described in sub-  
9 section (b).

10 (b) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—The activities de-  
11 scribed in this subsection are lobbying activities or lob-  
12 bying contacts for or on behalf of any entity that is—

13 (1) identified by the Secretary of Defense in the  
14 most recent report submitted under section 1260H  
15 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National De-  
16 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10  
17 U.S.C. 113 note) as a Chinese military company;  
18 and

19 (2) included in the Non-SDN Chinese Military-  
20 Industrial Complex Companies List published by the  
21 Department of the Treasury.

22 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may, for pe-  
23 riods not to exceed 180 days, waive the application of the  
24 prohibition in subsection (a) for an individual if the Sec-  
25 retary certifies to the congressional defense committees

1 that doing so is in the national security interest of the  
2 United States.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-  
5 tees” has the meaning given the term in section  
6 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

7 (2) The term “lobbying activities” has the  
8 meaning given such term in section 3 of the Lob-  
9 bying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602).

10 (3) The term “lobbying contact” has the mean-  
11 ing given such term in section 3 of the Lobbying  
12 Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602), except that  
13 clause (iv) of paragraph (8)(B)(iv) of such section  
14 shall not apply.

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