

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 769

To amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “United States Re-  
5 search Protection Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN COUN-**  
 2 **TRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOREIGN**  
 3 **TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

4 Paragraph (4) of section 10638 of title VI of division  
 5 B of the Research and Development, Competition, and In-  
 6 novation Act (42 U.S.C. 19237) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “of concern” after “foreign  
 8 country” each place such term appears;

9 (2) by striking “means—” and all that follows  
 10 through “any program, position, or activity” and in-  
 11 serting “means any program, position, or activity”;

12 (3) by striking subparagraph (B);

13 (4) by redesignating clauses (i) through (ix) as  
 14 subparagraphs (A) through (I), respectively, and  
 15 moving such subparagraphs, as so redesignated, two  
 16 ems to the left;

17 (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
 18 as so redesignated, by striking “directly provided”  
 19 and inserting “whether directly or indirectly pro-  
 20 vided”; and

21 (6) in subparagraph (I), as so redesignated, by  
 22 striking “; and” and inserting a period.

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