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[Report No. 119–45]

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

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

JULY 22, 2025

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States Re-
3 search Protection Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF FOREIGN COUN-**
5 **TRY FOR PURPOSES OF MALIGN FOREIGN**
6 **TALENT RECRUITMENT RESTRICTION.**

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

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

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

15 (3) by striking subparagraph (B);

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

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

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

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