

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4548

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES**
2 **OF HELSINKI AND CHINA COMMISSIONS**
3 **UNDER CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**
4 **ACT OF 1995.**

5 (a) CLARIFICATION OF COVERAGE.—Section 101 of
6 the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.
7 1301) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “Except as otherwise” and in-
9 serting “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise”;
10 and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “(b) CLARIFICATION OF COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES
14 OF CERTAIN COMMISSIONS.—

15 “(1) COVERAGE.—With respect to the China
16 Commission and the Helsinki Commission—

17 “(A) any individual who is an employee of
18 such Commission shall be considered a covered
19 employee for purposes of this Act; and

20 “(B) the Commission shall be considered
21 an employing office for purposes of this Act.

22 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In paragraph (1)—

23 “(A) the term ‘China Commission’ means
24 the Congressional–Executive Commission on the
25 People’s Republic of China established under
26 title III of the U.S.–China Relations Act of

1 2000 (Public Law 106–286; 22 U.S.C. 6911 et
2 seq.); and

3 “(B) the term ‘Helsinki Commission’
4 means the Commission on Security and Co-
5 operation in Europe established under the Act
6 entitled ‘An Act to establish a Commission on
7 Security and Cooperation in Europe’ (Public
8 Law 94–304; 22 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this Act shall take effect as if included in the enactment
11 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

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