

SUBCHAPTER IV—SUPPORTING UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH TAIWAN

§ 3381. Findings

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.) affirmed United States policy “to preserve and promote extensive, close, and friendly commercial, cultural, and other relations between the people of the United States and the people on Taiwan, as well as the people on the China mainland and all other peoples of the Western Pacific area”.

(2) Consistent with the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409), the United States has grown its strategic partnership with Taiwan’s vibrant democracy of 23,000,000 people.

(3) The creation of a United States fellowship program with Taiwan would support—

(A) a key priority of expanding people-to-people exchanges, which was outlined in President Donald J. Trump’s 2017 National Security Strategy;

(B) President Joseph R. Biden’s commitment to Taiwan, “a leading democracy and a critical economic and security partner”, as expressed in his March 2021 Interim National Security Strategic Guidance; and

(C) April 2021 guidance from the Department of State based on a review required under the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 (sub-title B of title III of division FF of Public Law 116-260) to “encourage U.S. government engagement with Taiwan that reflects our deepening unofficial relationship”.

(Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LV, § 5527, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3324.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Taiwan Relations Act, referred to in par. (1), is Pub. L. 96-8, Apr. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 14, which is classified generally to chapter 48 (§ 3301 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3301 of this title and Tables.

The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, referred to in par. (2), is Pub. L. 115-409, Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5387. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2018 Amendment note set out under section 2651 of this title and Tables.

The Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020, referred to in par. (3)(C), is subtitle B (§§ 311-315) of Pub. L. 116-260, div. FF, title III, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 3099, which enacted provisions set out as notes under section 3301 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2020 Amendment note set out under section 3301 of this title and Tables.

§ 3382. Purposes

The purposes of this subchapter are—

(1) to further strengthen the United States-Taiwan strategic partnership and broaden understanding of the Indo-Pacific region by temporarily assigning officials of any agencies of the United States Government to Taiwan for intensive study in Mandarin and placement as Fellows in a Taiwanese civic institution;

(2) to provide for eligible United States personnel—

(A) to learn or strengthen Mandarin Chinese language skills; and

(B) to expand their understanding of the political economy of Taiwan and the Indo-Pacific region; and

(3) to better position the United States to advance its economic, security, and human rights interests and values in the Indo-Pacific region.

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§ 3383. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) Agency head

The term “agency head” means, in the case of the executive branch of United States Government or a legislative branch agency described in paragraph (2), the head of the respective agency.

(2) Agency of the United States Government

The term “agency of the United States Government” includes the Government Accountability Office, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Congressional Research Service of the legislative branch, as well as any agency of the executive branch.

(3) Appropriate committees of Congress

The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(4) Detailee

The term “detailee” means—

(A) an employee of an agency of the United States Government on loan to the American Institute in Taiwan, without a change of position from the agency at which the employee is employed; and

(B) a legislative branch employee from the Government Accountability Office, Congressional Budget Office, or the Congressional Research Service.

(5) Implementing partner

The term “implementing partner” means any United States organization described in section 501(c)(3) of title 26 that—

(A) performs logistical, administrative, and other functions, as determined by the Department of State and the American Institute of Taiwan in support of the Taiwan Fellowship Program; and

(B) enters into a cooperative agreement with the American Institute in Taiwan to administer the Taiwan Fellowship Program.

(6) Program

The term “Program” means the Taiwan Fellowship Program established pursuant to section 3384 of this title.

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