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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require the governing body of each public institution of higher education to provide annual reports to the Governor and certain legislators regarding funding received from foreign countries of concern and certain entities and individuals associated with those countries.

This bill would also define foreign countries of concern to mean the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, and the Syrian Arab Republic.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public institutions of higher education; to require the governing body of each public institution of higher education to annually report funding received from foreign countries of concern, including certain entities and individuals associated with those countries; to provide exceptions; and to define foreign countries of concern.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
31 following terms have the following meanings:

32 (1) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN. The People's Republic
33 of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of
34 Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic
35 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, and the
36 Syrian Arab Republic.

37 (2) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN. Any political party,
38 organization, institution of higher education, association,
39 corporation, other entity, or subsidiary of any such entity
40 organized under the laws of or having its principal place of
41 business in a foreign country of concern.

42 (3) FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL OF CONCERN. Any official of a
43 foreign country of concern or any individual who is domiciled
44 in a foreign country of concern and who is not a citizen or
45 lawful permanent resident of the United States of America.

46 (4) GOVERNING BODY. The board of trustees responsible
47 for the oversight of the public institution of higher
48 education.

49 (5) PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. The same
50 meaning as Section 16-5-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

51 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided by this section, no
52 later than October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter, the
53 governing body of each public institution of higher education
54 shall provide to the Governor, the Chair of the House of
55 Representatives Committee on Education Policy, and the Chair
56 of the Senate Committee on Education Policy a report detailing



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57 all funding received by the public institution of higher
58 education from a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity
59 of concern, or a foreign individual of concern during the
60 prior fiscal year. The report must include:

61 a. The amount of funding received;

62 b. The type of funding received and whether it was a
63 gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services,
64 capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, or fee;

65 c. A detailed description of the government, entity, or
66 individual providing the funding, including the name and
67 address of the government, entity, or individual;

68 d. A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of
69 understanding associated with the funding;

70 e. Details regarding the purpose of the funding; and

71 f. Whether the funding was a onetime event or part of a
72 series of funding events.

73 (2) If a public institution of higher education did not
74 receive funding from a foreign country of concern, a foreign
75 entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern during
76 the prior fiscal year, the governing body of that public
77 institution of higher education is not required to submit the
78 report required by this subsection.

79 (c) This section shall not be construed as requiring
80 the reporting of funding provided by an individual or a family
81 as a payment for tuition or related fees for a student
82 attending, enrolled in, or otherwise affiliated with a
83 program, class, or course of study at a public institution of
84 higher education.



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85 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
86 1, 2024.