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H. R. 4660

To prohibit Federal funding for institutions of higher education that have agreements with certain academic institutions in the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK (for herself and Mr. BANKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Halting Academic Liai-
5 sons To Our Adversaries Act” or the “HALT Our Adver-
6 saries Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION TO INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT PRO-**
2 **TECTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY ACADEMIC**
3 **RESEARCHERS FROM UNDUE INFLUENCE**
4 **AND OTHER SECURITY THREATS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (iii) of section
6 1286(c)(8)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense
7 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 4001
8 note; Public Law 115–232) is amended—

9 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the
10 end; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(III) to provide support to the Peo-
13 ple’s Liberation Army or the Armed
14 Forces of the Russian Federation; or”.

15 (b) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—An
16 institution of higher education that maintains a contract
17 or other agreement between the institution and an aca-
18 demic institution of the People’s Republic of China or the
19 Russian Federation identified on the list published under
20 section 1286(c)(8)(A) of the John S. McCain National De-
21 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C.
22 4001 note; Public Law 115–232) (as amended by sub-
23 section (a) of this section) shall not be eligible to receive
24 Federal funds.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF INTELLIGENCE**
2 **COMMUNITY FUNDS FOR CERTAIN INSTITU-**
3 **TIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
5 be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year
6 2024 or any subsequent fiscal year for an element of the
7 intelligence community for research, development, testing,
8 and evaluation, may be provided to an institution of higher
9 education that maintains a contract or other agreement
10 with—

11 (1) any entity identified as a Chinese military
12 company operating in the United States in accord-
13 ance with section 1260H of the National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law
15 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note); or

16 (2) an academic institution of the People’s Re-
17 public of China that maintains a relationship with
18 such an entity.

19 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS ON INSTITUTIONS PARTNERING**
20 **WITH THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

21 (a) FUNDING RESTRICTED.—An institution of higher
22 education or other postsecondary educational institution
23 shall not be eligible to receive Federal funds (except funds
24 under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
25 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) or other Department of Education
26 funds that are provided directly to students) if such insti-

1 tution has a contractual partnership in effect with an enti-
2 ty that is—

3 (1) owned or controlled, directly or indirectly,
4 by the Government of the People’s Republic of
5 China; or

6 (2) organized under the laws of the People’s
7 Republic of China.

8 (b) RESTORING ELIGIBILITY.—An institution ineli-
9 gible to receive Federal funds under subsection (a) may
10 reestablish eligibility by—

11 (1) disclosing to the Secretary of Education all
12 contractual partnerships with an entity described in
13 subsection (a) from the previous 10 years; and

14 (2) providing to the Secretary of Education suf-
15 ficient evidence that such partnerships have been
16 terminated.

17 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this section:

19 (1) The term “institution of higher education”
20 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of
21 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
22 1002).

1 (2) The term “intelligence community” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 3 of the National
3 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

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