

The House Committee on Higher Education offers the following substitute to HB 150:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding
3 certain funding received from foreign countries, entities, or individuals of concern; to provide
4 for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Combating Threats from Foreign Countries
9 of Concern Act of 2025 - Higher Education."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12 relating to the university system, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-84, which is
13 reserved, as follows:

14 "20-3-84.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

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16 (1) 'Foreign country of concern' means a country whose government is designated as a
17 foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R.
18 Section 791.4 in effect on February 4, 2025.

19 (2) 'Foreign entity of concern' means any organization, institution of higher education,
20 association, corporation, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its
21 principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern or a subsidiary of any such
22 entity.

23 (3) 'Foreign individual of concern' means any official of a foreign country of concern or
24 any individual who is domiciled in a foreign country of concern and who is not a citizen
25 or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

26 (4) 'Funding' means any gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital
27 investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange in an amount
28 greater than \$50,000.00.

29 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the university system shall
30 provide on the first day of each calendar quarter to the Governor, the chairperson of the
31 House Committee on Higher Education, and the chairperson of the Senate Higher
32 Education Committee a report detailing all funding received by the university system from
33 a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern
34 during the prior calendar quarter. Such report shall include:

35 (1) The amount of funding received;

36 (2) The type of funding, whether a gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for
37 services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary
38 exchange;

39 (3) A detailed description of the government, entity, or individual providing the funding,
40 including the name and address of such government, entity, or individual;

41 (4) A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding associated with
42 the funding; and

43 (5) Details regarding the purpose of the funding and indicating whether the funding was
44 a one-time event or part of a series of funding events.

45 (c) This Code section shall not require reporting of funding provided by an individual or
46 a family as payment for tuition or related fees for a student or students affiliated with or
47 attending a university system program, class, or course of study. Reserved."

48 **SECTION 3.**

49 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.