

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**S. 590**

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**AN ACT**

To establish limitations regarding Confucius Institutes, and  
for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Concerns Over Nations  
3 Funding University Campus Institutes in the United  
4 States Act” or the “CONFUCIUS Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.**

6       (a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “Confu-  
7 cius Institute” means a cultural institute directly or indi-  
8 rectly funded by the Government of the People’s Republic  
9 of China.

10       (b) **RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.**—An  
11 institution of higher education or other postsecondary edu-  
12 cational institution (referred to in this section as an “insti-  
13 tution”) shall not be eligible to receive Federal funds from  
14 the Department of Education (except funds under title IV  
15 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070  
16 et seq.) or other Department of Education funds that are  
17 provided directly to students) unless the institution en-  
18 sures that any contract or agreement between the institu-  
19 tion and a Confucius Institute includes clear provisions  
20 that—

- 21           (1) protect academic freedom at the institution;
- 22           (2) prohibit the application of any foreign law
- 23           on any campus of the institution; and
- 24           (3) grant full managerial authority of the Con-
- 25           fucius Institute to the institution, including full con-
- 26           trol over what is being taught, the activities carried

- 1 out, the research grants that are made, and who is
- 2 employed at the Confucius Institute.

Passed the Senate March 4, 2021.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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