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S.B. No. 1779

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting certain contracts or agreements between a public institution of higher education and a Confucius Institute.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9235 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9235. CERTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, an institution of higher education that enters into a contract or other agreement with a Confucius Institute may not receive any state funding during the term of the contract or agreement unless the contract or agreement includes clear provisions that:

(1) protect academic freedom at the institution;

(2) prohibit the application of any foreign law on any campus of the institution; and

(3) grant full managerial authority of the Confucius Institute to the institution, including full control over the subjects taught, the activities carried out, any research grants made, and the selection of employees by the Confucius Institute.

(c) This section does not apply to funds that an institution of higher education is entitled to receive under the Texas Constitution.

1 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
2 adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.