

1-1 By: King S.B. No. 1517
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 24, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute from Committee on Education by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 11, Nays 1; April 24, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to prohibiting certain academic boycotts of foreign
 1-26 countries by public institutions of higher education.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-29 amended by adding Section 51.987 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 51.987. CERTAIN ACADEMIC BOYCOTTS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES
 1-31 PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "institution of higher
 1-32 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1-33 (b) Subject to Subsection (c), an institution of higher
 1-34 education may not implement an academic boycott of a foreign
 1-35 country that would prevent a student or faculty member of the
 1-36 institution from:

1-37 (1) studying or conducting research in or about the
 1-38 country; or

1-39 (2) interacting with the country's scholars or
 1-40 representatives.

1-41 (c) An institution of higher education may implement an
 1-42 academic boycott described by Subsection (b) of a foreign country
 1-43 included by the United States Department of State on a list of state
 1-44 sponsors of terrorism.

1-45 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
 1-46 adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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