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H.B. No. 173

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting public institutions of higher education from soliciting or accepting gifts, grants, or donations from certain foreign countries.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.984 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.984. PROHIBITION ON SOLICITING OR ACCEPTING GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Foreign terrorist organization" has the meaning assigned by Section 2252.151, Government Code.

(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, an institution of higher education may not solicit or accept a gift, grant, or donation from:

(1) a governmental entity of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; or

(2) a governmental entity of a country that has provided material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

(c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.