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S.B. No. 1067

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting public institutions of higher education and employees of public institutions of higher education from soliciting or accepting gifts, grants, donations, or investments from certain foreign entities.

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, DONATIONS, OR INVESTMENTS FROM CERTAIN FOREIGN ENTITIES.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Designated country" means a country identified by the United States Director of National Intelligence as a country that poses a risk to the national security of the United States in each of the three most recent Annual Threat Assessments of the U.S. Intelligence Community issued pursuant to Section 108B, National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. Section 3043b).

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

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, an institution of higher education or an employee of an institution of higher education in the employee's official or private capacity may not solicit or accept a gift, grant, donation, or investment from:

(1) a governmental entity of a designated country;

1 (2) a political party of a designated country,
2 including private money from any party member; or

3 (3) a company:

4 (A) that is headquartered in a designated
5 country; and

6 (B) in which a governmental entity of a
7 designated country holds an ownership interest.

8 (c) An institution of higher education or an employee of an
9 institution of higher education shall return any money or other
10 thing of value received in violation of this section during the
11 preceding state fiscal biennium to the entity or entities that
12 provided the money or other thing of value to the institution or
13 employee.

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

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