

1-1 By: Parker, et al. S.B. No. 1741  
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Creighton	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Hagenbuch	X			
1-12 Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-13 King	X			
1-14 Menéndez	X			
1-15 Middleton	X			
1-16 Parker	X			
1-17 Paxton	X			
1-18 West	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1741 By: Creighton

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to measures to prevent foreign influence, foreign  
1-24 interference, and intellectual property theft at public  
1-25 institutions of higher education.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding  
1-28 Subchapter J to read as follows:

1-29 SUBCHAPTER J. FOREIGN INFLUENCE, FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, AND  
1-30 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT PREVENTION

1-31 Sec. 51.501. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

1-32 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher  
1-33 Education Coordinating Board.

1-34 (2) "Foreign adversary" means any country designated  
1-35 as a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce  
1-36 under 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4.

1-37 (3) "Foreign government" means the government or an  
1-38 agent of a country, nation, or group of nations, or a province or  
1-39 other political subdivision of a country or nation, other than the  
1-40 United States government.

1-41 (4) "Gift" means a gift, grant, endowment, award, or  
1-42 donation of money or property of any kind, including a conditional  
1-43 or unconditional pledge of the gift, grant, endowment, award, or  
1-44 donation.

1-45 (5) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning  
1-46 assigned by Section 61.003.

1-47 Sec. 51.502. DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN GIFTS AND CONTRACTS.

1-48 Each institution of higher education that submits reporting on  
1-49 foreign gift and contract disclosures to the United States  
1-50 Department of Education required under Section 117, Higher  
1-51 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 1001 et seq.), shall submit  
1-52 that reporting to the coordinating board at an interval determined  
1-53 by coordinating board rule.

1-54 Sec. 51.503. PROHIBITION ON ACCEPTING GIFTS, GRANTS, OR  
1-55 DONATIONS FROM CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. An institution of  
1-56 higher education may not accept a gift, grant, or donation from a  
1-57 foreign government of a foreign adversary.

1-58 Sec. 51.504. TRAINING ON FOREIGN INFLUENCE, FOREIGN  
1-59 INTERFERENCE, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT PREVENTION. (a)  
1-60 Each institution of higher education shall require each researcher,

2-1 faculty member, staff member, or student employee at the  
2-2 institution who has access to sensitive, proprietary, or  
2-3 export-controlled research or information to complete training on  
2-4 the prevention of foreign influence, foreign interference, and  
2-5 intellectual property theft.

2-6 (b) The training must include instruction on:

2-7 (1) an understanding of the current national security  
2-8 risks related to foreign influence, foreign interference, and  
2-9 intellectual property theft;

2-10 (2) the methods used in foreign influence, foreign  
2-11 interference, and intellectual property theft;

2-12 (3) the signs of foreign influence, foreign  
2-13 interference, and intellectual property theft;

2-14 (4) measures to protect sensitive information and  
2-15 intellectual property; and

2-16 (5) procedures for reporting suspected incidents of  
2-17 foreign influence, foreign interference, or intellectual property  
2-18 theft.

2-19 (c) To the extent practicable, the training must be provided  
2-20 in conjunction with any other training required for employees at  
2-21 the institution of higher education and be consistent with any  
2-22 other training on information security, export controls, or  
2-23 compliance matters required by the institution.

2-24 (d) Each institution of higher education shall maintain a  
2-25 record of each person who completes training required under this  
2-26 section.

2-27 (e) An institution of higher education shall prohibit a  
2-28 person who has not completed training required under this section  
2-29 to have unsupervised access to sensitive, proprietary, or  
2-30 export-controlled research or information until the person  
2-31 completes the training.

2-32 Sec. 51.505. REPORTING SYSTEM. Each institution of higher  
2-33 education shall establish a reporting system for students, faculty,  
2-34 and staff to report to the institution suspicious activity that may  
2-35 be related to foreign influence, foreign interference, or  
2-36 intellectual property theft.

2-37 Sec. 51.506. RULES. The coordinating board shall adopt  
2-38 rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

2-39 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2026, each public  
2-40 institution of higher education shall:

2-41 (1) submit the reports required under Section 51.502,  
2-42 Education Code, as added by this Act; and

2-43 (2) ensure that each applicable person at the  
2-44 institution has completed the training required by Section 51.504,  
2-45 Education Code, as added by this Act.

2-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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