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1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West	X			

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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