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4     SYNOPSIS:

5                 This bill would require the governing body of  
6     each public institution of higher education to provide  
7     annual reports to the Governor and certain legislators  
8     regarding funding received from foreign countries of  
9     concern and certain entities and individuals associated  
10    with those countries.

11                This bill would also define foreign countries of  
12    concern to mean the People's Republic of China, the  
13    Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the  
14    Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of  
15    Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, and the  
16    Syrian Arab Republic.

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19                A BILL

20                TO BE ENTITLED

21                AN ACT

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23                Relating to public institutions of higher education; to  
24     require the governing body of each public institution of  
25     higher education to annually report funding received from  
26     foreign countries of concern, including certain entities and  
27     individuals associated with those countries; to provide  
28     exceptions; and to define foreign countries of concern.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30         Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the  
31 following terms have the following meanings:

32             (1) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN. The People's Republic  
33 of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of  
34 Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
35 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, and the  
36 Syrian Arab Republic.

37             (2) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN. Any political party,  
38 organization, institution of higher education, association,  
39 corporation, other entity, or subsidiary of any such entity  
40 organized under the laws of or having its principal place of  
41 business in a foreign country of concern.

42             (3) FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL OF CONCERN. Any official of a  
43 foreign country of concern or any individual who is domiciled  
44 in a foreign country of concern and who is not a citizen or  
45 lawful permanent resident of the United States of America.

46             (4) GOVERNING BODY. The board of trustees responsible  
47 for the oversight of the public institution of higher  
48 education.

49             (5) PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. The same  
50 meaning as Section 16-5-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

51             (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided by this section, no  
52 later than October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter, the  
53 governing body of each public institution of higher education  
54 shall provide to the Governor, the Chair of the House of  
55 Representatives Committee on Education Policy, and the Chair  
56 of the Senate Committee on Education Policy a report detailing



57 all funding received by the public institution of higher  
58 education from a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity  
59 of concern, or a foreign individual of concern during the  
60 prior fiscal year. The report must include:

- 61 a. The amount of funding received;
- 62 b. The type of funding received and whether it was a  
63 gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services,  
64 capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, or fee;
- 65 c. A detailed description of the government, entity, or  
66 individual providing the funding, including the name and  
67 address of the government, entity, or individual;
- 68 d. A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of  
69 understanding associated with the funding;
- 70 e. Details regarding the purpose of the funding; and
- 71 f. Whether the funding was a onetime event or part of a  
72 series of funding events.

73 (2) If a public institution of higher education did not  
74 receive funding from a foreign country of concern, a foreign  
75 entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern during  
76 the prior fiscal year, the governing body of that public  
77 institution of higher education is not required to submit the  
78 report required by this subsection.

79 (c) This section shall not be construed as requiring  
80 the reporting of funding provided by an individual or a family  
81 as a payment for tuition or related fees for a student  
82 attending, enrolled in, or otherwise affiliated with a  
83 program, class, or course of study at a public institution of  
84 higher education.



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85                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
86                   1, 2024.