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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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



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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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