

Senate Bill 511

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Still of the 48th, Tillery of the 19th, Burns of the 23rd,  
Anavitarte of the 31st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to the university system, so as to require quarterly reports regarding  
3 certain funding received from individuals or entities related to China; to provide for  
4 definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting  
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Combating Threats from China Act of  
9 2024 - Higher Education."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
12 relating to the university system, is amended by revising Code Section 20-3-84, which is  
13 reserved, as follows:

14 "20-3-84.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

16 (1) 'Foreign country of concern' means the People's Republic of China.

17 (2) 'Foreign entity of concern' means the Chinese Communist Party, the People's  
18 Liberation Army, and any organization, institution of higher education, association,  
19 corporation, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its principal place of  
20 business in, the People's Republic of China, or a subsidiary of any such entity.

21 (3) 'Foreign individual of concern' means any official of the People's Republic of China,  
22 any member of the Chinese Communist Party, or any individual who is domiciled in the  
23 People's Republic of China and who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the  
24 United States.

25 (4) 'Funding' means any gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital  
26 investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange.

27 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this Code section, the university system shall  
28 provide on the first day of each calendar quarter to the Governor, the chairperson of the  
29 House Committee on Higher Education, and the chairperson of the Senate Higher  
30 Education Committee a report detailing all funding received by the university system from  
31 a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern  
32 during the prior calendar quarter. Such report shall include:

33 (1) The amount of funding received;

34 (2) The type of funding, whether a gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for  
35 services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, or fee;

36 (3) A detailed description of the government, entity, or individual providing the funding,  
37 including the name and address of such government, entity, or individual;

38 (4) A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding associated with  
39 the funding; and

40 (5) Details regarding the purpose of the funding and indicating whether the funding was  
41 a one-time event or part of a series of funding events.

42 (c) This Code section shall not require reporting of funding provided by an individual or  
43 a family as payment for tuition or related fees for a student or students affiliated with or  
44 attending a University System of Georgia program, class, or course of study. Reserved."

45 **SECTION 2.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.