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H. R. 8940

To prohibit offices of Congress from appointing interns who are citizens of certain countries which exert malign foreign influences in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 10, 2020

Mr. GOODEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING APPOINTMENT OF INTERNS WHO**
4 **ARE CITIZENS OF COUNTRIES EXERTING MA-**
5 **LIGN FOREIGN INFLUENCES.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—An office of Congress, including
7 an office of a joint committee of Congress, may not ap-
8 point an individual as a paid or unpaid intern if the indi-
9 vidual is a citizen of a covered foreign country.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

2 (1) the term “covered foreign country” has the
3 meaning given such term in section 119C(e)(1) of
4 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
5 3059(e)(1)); and

6 (2) the term “intern” means, with respect to an
7 office of Congress, an individual who serves in the
8 office for not more than 120 days in a 12-month pe-
9 riod and whose service is primarily for the edu-
10 cational experience of the individual.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
12 respect to the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress and
13 each succeeding Congress.

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