

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To establish limitations regarding Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Concerns Over Nations
5 Funding University Campus Institutes in the United
6 States” or the “CONFUCIUS Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Confu-
9 cius Institute” means a cultural institute directly or indi-

1 rectly funded by the Government of the People’s Republic
2 of China.

3 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.—An
4 institution of higher education or other postsecondary edu-
5 cational institution (referred to in this section as an “insti-
6 tution”) shall not be eligible to receive Federal funds from
7 the Department of Education (except funds under title IV
8 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070
9 et seq.) or other Department of Education funds that are
10 provided directly to students) unless the institution en-
11 sures that any contract or agreement between the institu-
12 tion and a Confucius Institute includes clear provisions
13 that—

14 (1) protect academic freedom at the institution;

15 (2) prohibit the application of any foreign law
16 on any campus of the institution; and

17 (3) grant full managerial authority of the Con-
18 fucius Institute to the institution, including full con-
19 trol over what is being taught, the activities carried
20 out, the research grants that are made, and who is
21 employed at the Confucius Institute.