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House Bill 150 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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## 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 semiannual reports regarding
- 3 certain funding received from foreign countries, entities, or individuals of concern; to provide
- 4 for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; 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 Foreign Countries
- 9 of Concern Act of 2025 Higher Education."
- 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:

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16 (1) 'Foreign country of concern' means a country whose government is designated as a

- foreign adversary by the United States Secretary of Commerce pursuant to 15 C.F.R.
- Section 791.4 in effect on February 4, 2025.
- 19 (2) 'Foreign entity of concern' means any organization, institution of higher education,
- 20 association, corporation, or other entity organized under the laws of, or having its
- 21 principal place of business in, a foreign country of concern or a subsidiary of any such
- 22 entity.
- 23 (3) 'Foreign individual of concern' means any official of a foreign country of concern or
- 24 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.
- 26 (4) 'Funding' means any gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for services, capital
- 27 <u>investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary exchange in excess of a</u>
- 28 <u>cumulative total of \$1,000.00.</u>
- 29 (b) No later than January 31 and July 31 of each year, except as provided in subsection (c)
- of this Code section, the university system shall provide to the Governor, the chairperson
- of the House Committee on Higher Education, and the chairperson of the Senate Higher
- 32 <u>Education Committee a report detailing all funding received by the university system from</u>
- 33 <u>a foreign country of concern, a foreign entity of concern, or a foreign individual of concern</u>
- 34 <u>during the two most recent calendar quarters.</u> Such report shall include:
- 35 (1) The amount of funding received;
- 36 (2) The type of funding, whether a gift, grant, donation, payment in exchange for
- 37 <u>services, capital investment, salary, wage, compensation, fee, or other monetary</u>
- 38 <u>exchange</u>;
- 39 (3) A detailed description of the government, entity, or individual providing the funding,
- including the name and address of such government, entity, or individual;
- 41 (4) A copy of any contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding associated with
- 42 <u>the funding; and</u>

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(5) Details regarding the purpose of the funding and indicating whether the funding was
 a one-time event or part of a series of funding events.
 (c) This Code section shall not require reporting of funding provided by an individual or
 a family as payment for tuition or related fees for a student or students affiliated with or
 attending a university system program, class, or course of study. Reserved."

48 **SECTION 3.** 

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