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H. R. 3921

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Protecting Academic
5 Integrity Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN GIFTS.**

2 (a) VALUE OF GIFTS.—Section 117(a) of the Higher
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f(a)) is amended
4 by striking “\$250,000” and inserting “\$50,000”.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Section 117(b) of the
6 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f(b)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and, when
9 available, the specific department, agency, office, or
10 division of the foreign government responsible for
11 the gift or contract” before the period at the end;

12 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and, when
13 available, the specific department, agency, office, or
14 division of the foreign government responsible for
15 the gift or contract” before the period at the end;
16 and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(4) If available, the purpose or intention of a
19 foreign gift or contract. If no purpose or intention
20 is identified with respect to the gift or contract, the
21 institution shall report the intended use of such gift
22 or contract and the account or the department of
23 such institution that will receive such gift or con-
24 tract.”.

25 (c) ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES FOR RESTRICTED
26 AND CONDITIONAL GIFTS.—Section 117(c)(2) of the

1 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011f(c)(2))
2 is amended by inserting “and, when available, the specific
3 department, agency, office, or division of the foreign gov-
4 ernment responsible for the gift or contract” before the
5 period at the end.

6 (d) APPLICABILITY.—This section and the amend-
7 ments made by this section shall take effect on the date
8 that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 3. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.**

10 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
11 States shall carry out a study on—

12 (1) the extent to which institutions of higher
13 education comply with—

14 (A) the requirements of section 117 of the
15 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
16 1011f); and

17 (B) the regulations issued pursuant to
18 such section;

19 (2) in the case of institutions of higher edu-
20 cation that fail to comply with such requirements,
21 the reasons for the failure of such institutions of
22 higher education to comply;

23 (3) the extent to which institutions of higher
24 education attempt to correct a failure to comply with
25 such requirements; and

1 (4) the Federal efforts to increase compliance
2 with such requirements.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
5 the United States shall submit to Congress a report that
6 includes the results of the study conducted under sub-
7 section (a).

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