

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 5504 General Bill, By Crawford, G.M. Smith, Teeple, C. Mitchell and Bernstein

Summary: Foreign Influence Operations Out of American Education Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FOREIGN INFLUENCE OPERATIONS OUT OF AMERICAN EDUCATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-425 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM SOLICITING OR ACCEPTING CERTAIN GIFTS OR TRAVEL FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARY NATIONS, FOREIGN PRINCIPALS, OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, TO RESTRICT FOREIGN INFLUENCE ON HIRING, CURRICULUM, AND CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF GIFTS AND CONTRACTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND FOREIGN PRINCIPALS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER.

- 04/02/26 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 31)
- 04/02/26 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 31)
- 04/15/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Teeple
- 04/16/26 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 2)
- 04/20/26 Scrivener's error corrected
- 04/22/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: C.Mitchell
- 04/22/26 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). McDaniel, King, Govan, McGinnis, Erickson, Hardee, Crawford, Bailey, Vaughan, Dilliard, Bauer, Guest, Williams, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Water, Jones, Scott (House Journal-page 26)
- 04/23/26 House Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 173)
- 04/29/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bernstein
- 04/29/26 House Amended (House Journal-page 173)
- 04/29/26 House Read second time (House Journal-page 173)
- 04/29/26 House Roll call Yeas-91 Nays-13 (House Journal-page 174)
- 04/30/26 Scrivener's error corrected
- 04/30/26 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 128)
- 04/30/26 House Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 128)
- 04/30/26 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 8)
- 04/30/26 Senate Referred to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 8)