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AN ACT prohibiting the use of state aid by colleges and universities for certain academic institutions

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds that it is  
2 beneficial to students of this state to have access to an education that  
3 is not bound by borders and to have the opportunity to obtain a global  
4 education. The legislature further finds that it is important that New  
5 York State undertake efforts to ensure that its students succeed in a  
6 world that is continually becoming more interdependent and diverse and  
7 further that students have access to international higher education  
8 institutions. A global education allows students to connect, compete,  
9 and cooperate with their peers around the world. Therefore it is the  
10 policy of the State of New York that colleges not use state funds to  
11 support boycotts of countries, or higher education institutions located  
12 in countries, that host higher education institutions chartered by the  
13 Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

14 S 2. 1. For purposes of this section the following shall apply:

15 (a) the term "academic entity" shall mean any organization comprising  
16 colleges, universities or professors that promotes or supports academia  
17 in the United States and abroad.

18 (b) the term "college" shall have the same meaning as such term is  
19 defined in subdivision two of section two of the education law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (c) the term "host country" shall mean those countries that host a  
2 higher education institution chartered by the Board of Regents of the  
3 University of the State of New York.

4 2. No college in this state may use state aid provided directly to  
5 such college to: fund an academic entity, provide funds for membership  
6 in an academic entity or fund travel or lodging for any employee to  
7 attend any meeting of such academic entity if such entity has issued a  
8 public resolution or other official statement or undertaken an official  
9 action boycotting a host country or higher education institutions  
10 located in such country.

11 3. If a college has violated subdivision two of this section, an  
12 amount equal to the state aid expended by such college for purposes  
13 prohibited by subdivision two of this section shall be unreimbursable  
14 and deducted from any future payments of state aid to such college.

15 4. Nothing in this section shall limit the attendance by any employee  
16 of a college at any event of an academic entity that boycotts a host  
17 country or higher education institutions located in such country and  
18 attendance at meetings of any such entity shall not be used by the  
19 college with regard to employment decisions.

20 S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law.