

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4004

To prohibit Federal funding for institutions of higher education that have partnerships with schools or other organizations funded by North Korea, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2021

Mrs. LESKO (for herself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. ROSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “No Student Exchanges
5 with North Korean Schools Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The General Association of Korean Resi-
2 dents in Japan, also known as Chongryon, is an af-
3 filiated organization with the Government of the
4 Democratic People’s Republic of North Korea, also
5 known as North Korea.

6 (2) Chongryon has a long history of assisting
7 the North Korean Government, including operating
8 a ferry that was suspected to have smuggled mate-
9 rials for the country’s illegal weapons programs.

10 (3) Due to these actions, Chongryon is under
11 surveillance from Japanese law enforcement agen-
12 cies.

13 (4) Chongryon and its members run numerous
14 organizations and companies, including banks and
15 educational institutions in various cities across
16 Japan.

17 (5) Chongryon operates over 100 educational
18 institutions, including Korea University, located in
19 Kodaira, Tokyo.

20 (6) Korea University received funding directly
21 from the North Korean government every year since
22 1957, including over 132.4 million yen in 2002.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.**

3 Section 105 of the Mutual Educational and Cultural
4 Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87–256; 22 U.S.C.
5 2455) is amended by adding at the end the following new
6 subsection:

7 “(h)(1) No covered funds may be awarded to an insti-
8 tution of higher education that has an agreement in effect
9 with an institution of higher education or other organiza-
10 tion funded directly by the Government of the Democratic
11 People’s Republic of North Korea.

12 “(2) In this subsection:

13 “(A) The term ‘covered funds’ means Federal
14 funds made available—

15 “(i) under title IV of the Higher Education
16 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.); and

17 “(ii) for the J. William Fulbright Edu-
18 cational Exchange Program referred to in sec-
19 tion 112.

20 “(B) The term ‘institution of higher education’
21 has the meaning given that term in section 102 of
22 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
23 1002).”.

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