



SENATE MOTION

MR. PRESIDENT:

I move that Senate Bill 256 be amended to read as follows:

1 Page 1, delete line 4 and insert "**Chapter 17. Foreign Agent**
2 **Registration and Foreign Terrorist Organizations**
3 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "affiliate of a foreign terrorist**
4 **organization" means a person who:**
5 **(1) is or was an agent, representative, employee, or servant of**
6 **a foreign terrorist organization;**
7 **(2) acts or acted in any capacity at the order or request or**
8 **under the direction or control of a foreign terrorist**
9 **organization; or**
10 **(3) provides, or at any point in the preceding five (5) years**
11 **provided, material support or resources to aid a foreign**
12 **terrorist organization.**"
13 Page 1, line 5, delete "Sec. 1." and insert "Sec. 2."
14 Page 1, line 7, delete "Sec. 2." and insert "Sec. 3."
15 Page 1, line 16, after "activity" insert "**on behalf of a hostile**
16 **foreign principal**".
17 Page 1, line 17, delete "Sec. 3." and insert "Sec. 4."
18 Page 2, delete lines 8 through 42, begin a new paragraph, and insert:
19 **"Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "hostile foreign country" means**
20 **one (1) or more of the following:**
21 **(1) The People's Republic of China.**
22 **(2) The Russian Federation.**
23 **(3) The People's Republic of North Korea.**
24 **(4) The Islamic Republic of Iran.**
25 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "foreign terrorist organization"**
26 **means any organization designated by the United States**
27 **government as a Foreign Terrorist Organization under Section 219**

1 **of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).**

2 **Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "hostile foreign principal" means**
3 **one (1) or more of the following:**

- 4 **(1) The government of a hostile foreign country, a political**
5 **party of a hostile foreign country, or any member of a**
6 **political party of a hostile foreign country.**
- 7 **(2) A nonresident alien of a hostile foreign country.**
- 8 **(3) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or**
9 **other combination of persons organized under the laws of, or**
10 **having its principal place of business in, a hostile foreign**
11 **country.**
- 12 **(4) A partnership, association, corporation, organization, or**
13 **other combination of persons that is at least twenty percent**
14 **(20%) beneficially owned by a hostile foreign country, the**
15 **government of a hostile foreign country, a nonresident alien**
16 **of a hostile foreign country, or an entity organized under the**
17 **laws of, or having its principal place of business in, a hostile**
18 **foreign country.**

19 **Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "political activity" means an**
20 **activity that is performed with the intent to influence:**

21 **(1) a state or local governmental entity, agency, or public**
22 **official in Indiana; or**
23 **(2) the general public in Indiana;**
24 **concerning the formulation, adoption, or modification of the laws**
25 **or policies of the state, or the election or opposition to the election**
26 **of a candidate for state or local office.**

27 **Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to an agent. Before acting as an**
28 **agent, a person who acts as an agent shall file with the attorney**
29 **general a true and complete registration statement in addition to**
30 **supplements as required.**

31 **(b) The registration statement must include the following:**

- 32 **(1) The registrant's name.**
- 33 **(2) The registrant's principal business address, and all other**
34 **business addresses in the United States or elsewhere.**
- 35 **(3) The registrant's residential addresses, if any.**
- 36 **(4) If the registrant is an individual, the registrant's**
37 **nationality.**
- 38 **(5) If the registrant is a partnership, the names, residential**
39 **addresses, and nationalities of each partner and a true and**
40 **complete copy of the partnership's certificate of partnership.**
- 41 **(6) If the registrant is an association, corporation,**
42 **organization, or any other combination of individuals, the**
43 **following:**
- 44 **(A) The names, residential addresses, and nationalities of**
45 **each director and officer and each person performing the**
46 **functions of a director or officer.**
- 47 **(B) A true and complete copy of its charter, articles of**

1 incorporation, association, constitution, bylaws, and
2 amendments to those documents.

3 (C) A copy of every other instrument or document and a
4 statement of the terms and conditions of every oral
5 agreement relating to its organization, powers, and
6 purposes.

7 (D) A statement of its ownership and control.

8 (7) A comprehensive statement of the nature of the
9 registrant's business.

10 (8) A complete list of the registrant's employees and a
11 statement of the nature of the work of each employee.

12 (9) The name and address of every hostile foreign principal
13 for whom the registrant is acting or has agreed to act.

14 (10) The character of the business or other activities of every
15 hostile foreign principal and, if a hostile foreign principal is
16 not a natural person, a statement of the ownership and
17 control of each hostile foreign principal.

18 (11) The extent, if any, to which each hostile foreign principal
19 is supervised, directed, owned, controlled, financed, or
20 subsidized, in whole or in part, by a government of a foreign
21 country or foreign political party, or by another agent or
22 hostile foreign principal.

23 (12) A comprehensive statement of the nature and method of
24 performance of each contract with a hostile foreign principal.

25 (13) A comprehensive statement of the existing and proposed
26 activities engaged in, or to be engaged in, by the registrant as
27 an agent, including a detailed statement of any activity that is
28 a political activity.

29 (14) The nature and amount of contributions, income, money,
30 or things of value, if any, that the registrant has received
31 within the preceding sixty (60) days from each hostile foreign
32 principal, either as compensation or for disbursement or
33 otherwise, and the form and time of each such payment and
34 from whom received.

35 (15) A detailed statement of every activity that the registrant
36 assumes, purports, or agrees to perform for the registrant or
37 any other person other than a hostile foreign principal and
38 that requires registration under this chapter, including a
39 detailed statement of any activity that is a political activity.

40 (16) The name, business, and residence addresses, and if an
41 individual, the nationality, of any person other than a hostile
42 foreign principal for whom the registrant is acting or has
43 agreed to act and the following:

44 (A) Information concerning the extent that the person is
45 supervised, directed, owned, controlled, financed, or
46 subsidized, in whole or in part, by any government of a
47 foreign country or foreign political party or by any other

foreign principal from a hostile foreign country.

(B) Information concerning the nature and amount of contributions, income, money, or things of value, if any, that the registrant has received during the preceding sixty (60) days from each person in connection with any of the activities under subdivision (15), either as compensation or for disbursement or otherwise, and the form and time of each payment and from whom payment was received.

(17) A detailed statement of the money and other things of value spent or disposed of by the registrant during the preceding sixty (60) days in furtherance of or in connection with activities that require registration under this chapter.

(18) Notwithstanding any other laws, a detailed statement of any contributions of money or other things of value made by the registrant during the preceding sixty (60) days in connection with an election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for any political office.

19 **(19) Other statements, information, or documents as required**
20 **by the attorney general.**

21 (20) Statements and copies of documents that are necessary to
22 make the statements made in the registration statement and
23 supplements not misleading.

34 (f) An agent shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) each
35 time the agent files a supplemental registration statement under
36 this section.

42 Sec. 10. (a) Before January 1, 2027, a foreign supported political
43 organization must file with the attorney general a true and
44 complete registration statement in addition to supplements as
45 required.

(b) The registration statement must include the following:

47 (1) The name of the foreign supported political organization,

1 its business address, and the names, titles, and addresses of all
2 officers and directors of the foreign supported political
3 organization.

4 (2) If the foreign supported political organization is affiliated
5 with or is a chapter of a national organization, the name of the
6 national organization, its address, and the names and
7 addresses of its officers and directors.

8 (3) A detailed statement of any expenditures of money or
9 anything of value made by the organization within the prior
10 calendar year for the purpose of political activity.

11 (4) A detailed statement of all money or anything of value
12 received by the organization from a hostile foreign principal
13 or an agent during the preceding calendar year.

14 (c) A registrant must update the information required under
15 subsection (b) at least once every quarter.

16 (d) A foreign supported political organization shall pay a fee of
17 five hundred dollars (\$500) at the time the agent files an initial
18 registration statement under this section.

19 (e) A fee established by the attorney general in accordance with
20 this chapter must accompany an application for registration or
21 renewal of registration.

22 (f) Failure to comply with subsections (a) through (c) is a
23 violation of this chapter.

24 Sec. 11. It is a violation of this chapter if a person or agent:

25 (1) submits a registration statement required to be filed under
26 this chapter that is materially incorrect;

27 (2) fails to file a corrected registration statement or report
28 after being requested to do so by the attorney general; or

29 (3) fails to make a filing required by section 9 or section 10 of
30 this chapter.

31 Sec. 12. (a) Whenever the attorney general has reasonable cause
32 to believe a person or entity may be an affiliate of a foreign
33 terrorist organization, the attorney general may exercise all
34 existing civil investigative powers, including the issuance of civil
35 investigative demands, to determine whether the entity is an
36 affiliate of a foreign terrorist organization.

37 (b) If the attorney general determines, based on the attorney
38 general's investigation, that a person or entity is an affiliate of a
39 foreign terrorist organization, the attorney general shall notify the
40 person or entity of the attorney general's determination and
41 provide the entity with thirty (30) days in which to submit a formal
42 response to the attorney general's determination.

43 (c) The attorney general shall provide the attorney general's
44 determination, the evidence on which it is based, and the person's
45 or entity's response to the governor.

46 Sec. 13. The governor shall designate a person or entity as an
47 affiliate of a foreign terrorist organization if the governor

1 concludes, based on a review of the results of the investigation
2 conducted by the attorney general under section 12 of this chapter
3 and the person's or entity's formal response, that the evidence
4 amassed by the attorney general demonstrates that it is more likely
5 than not that the person or entity is an affiliate of a foreign
6 terrorist organization.

7 **Sec. 14. (a) Any person or entity that is designated an affiliate**
8 **of a foreign terrorist organization shall:**

9 (1) be denied all state funds provided by any state agency,
10 including:
11 (A) funding;
12 (B) benefits; or
13 (C) other forms of support;
14 received or provided, directly or indirectly, from the state;
15 (2) be prohibited from entering into any contract with the
16 state; and
17 (3) be denied any:
18 (A) employment;
19 (B) tax benefit;
20 (C) privilege; or
21 (D) other form of a state benefit or privilege, whether
22 provided or received directly or indirectly.

23 **(b) No public university, community college, school district, or**
24 other recipient of state funds may, after the date of the governor
25 designates that a person or entity is an affiliate of a foreign
26 terrorist organization under section 13 of this chapter, knowingly
27 provide a grant, contract, loan, tax credit, tax exemption, or other
28 financial benefit to an affiliate of a foreign terrorist organization.

29 **Sec. 15. (a) A designation under section 13 of this chapter**
30 **remains in effect until rescinded by the governor.**

31 **(b) The governor shall rescind a designation under section 13 of**
32 **this chapter only if:**

33 (1) the governor determines that the designation was
34 erroneous; or
35 (2) the governor determines that the actions of the person or
36 entity that support the designation occurred more than five
37 (5) years ago.

38 **Sec. 16. (a) If the attorney general has reasonable cause to**
39 **believe a violation of this chapter has occurred, the attorney**
40 **general may bring an action in the name of the state in connection**
41 **with a violation of this chapter to seek:**

42 (1) appropriate injunctive or other equitable relief;
43 (2) the costs and expenses of the suit, including reasonable
44 attorney's fees and expert fees; and
45 (3) a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars
46 (\$500).

47 **(b) If a violation of this chapter is committed intentionally, or**

1 **constitutes a second or subsequent violation, the attorney general**
2 **may bring a civil action to recover a civil penalty of not more than**
3 **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation, in addition to the**
4 **relief provided in subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2).**

5 (c) A civil penalty collected under this chapter shall be deposited
6 in the state general fund.

7 **Sec. 17. The attorney general may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
8 **to carry out this chapter.".**

9 Delete pages 3 through 6.

10 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to SB 256 as printed January 16, 2026.)

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