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H. R. 231

To prohibit Federal funds from being provided to an institution of higher education unless the institution has banned use of TikTok on electronic devices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BABIN (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, and Mr. SANTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Terminate TikTok on
5 Campus Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDS FOR ANY INSTI-**
2 **TUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION NOT BAN-**
3 **NING USE OF TIKTOK ON ELECTRONIC DE-**
4 **VICES.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Following the 90-day period be-
6 ginning on the date of enactment of this Act, no Federal
7 funds may be provided to an institution of higher edu-
8 cation unless the institution of higher education has devel-
9 oped and implemented standards and guidelines—

10 (1) prohibiting the use of TikTok on electronic
11 devices owned or issued by the institution; and

12 (2) requiring the removal of TikTok from elec-
13 tronic devices owned or issued by the institution.

14 (b) **RESEARCH EXCEPTION.**—The requirements in
15 subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to research
16 that—

17 (1) is conducted by, supervised by, or author-
18 ized by faculty of an institution of higher education;
19 and

20 (2) pertains to national security, law enforce-
21 ment, telecommunications, or cybersecurity.

22 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

23 (1) **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**—The
24 term “institution of higher education” has the
25 meaning given that term in section 102 of the High-
26 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

1 (2) ELECTRONIC DEVICE.—The term “elec-
2 tronic device”—

3 (A) means a device capable of accessing
4 the internet (either directly or by connecting to
5 another device or system); and

6 (B) includes a computer, a tablet, a
7 streaming device, a smartphone, a smartwatch,
8 and any other smart device.

9 (3) TIKTOK.—The term “TikTok”—

10 (A) means the social networking service
11 TikTok; and

12 (B) includes any successor application or
13 service developed or provided by ByteDance
14 Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Lim-
15 ited.

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