

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 317

By: Senator B. Johnson

By: Representatives Puryear, Achor, Andrews, Barker, Beaty Jr., Beck, Bentley, S. Berry, Breaux, Brooks, K. Brown, M. Brown, N. Burkes, R. Burkes, Joey Carr, John Carr, Cavanaugh, Childress, C. Cooper, Cozart, Crawford, Eaton, Evans, Furman, Gazaway, Gramlich, Hall, Hawk, Hollowell, L. Johnson, Long, Lundstrum, Lynch, Maddox, McAlindon, McClure, M. McElroy, McGrew, B. McKenzie, McNair, Milligan, J. Moore, Nazarenko, Painter, Pearce, Perry, Pilkington, Ray, R. Scott Richardson, Richmond, Rose, Rye, Schulz, M. Shepherd, Torres, Tosh, Underwood, Unger, Vaught, Walker, Wing, Wooten

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION;  
TO PROHIBIT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM  
PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES WITH A PROHIBITED  
FOREIGN PARTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION FROM PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN  
ACTIVITIES WITH A PROHIBITED FOREIGN  
PARTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-60-123. Prohibition on activities with prohibited foreign party – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "prohibited foreign party" means the same as defined in § 18-11-802.

(b) An institution of higher education shall not participate in the following activities with a prohibited foreign party:

(1) Conduct classified research;



(2) Conduct agricultural research under a contract;

(3) Sell agricultural products, including without limitation  
seeds;

(4) Engage in the production of agricultural products; or

(5) Enter into a nondisclosure agreement.

*/s/B. Johnson*

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