

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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At the end of title XVII, insert the following new subtitle:

- 1           **Subtitle D—FORTRESS Act**  
2 **PART 1—WEAPONS RESEARCH IMMIGRANT VISAS**  
3 **SEC. 1751. ENHANCING WEAPONS RESEARCH.**  
4           (a) VISAS.—  
5                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in fiscal year  
6           2025, visas shall be made available to aliens who—  
7                 (A) are nationals of nations with respect to  
8                 which the United States has multilateral secu-  
9                 rity arrangements, including—  
10                 (i) Five Eye Intelligence Alliance;  
11                 (ii) the Quadrilateral Security Dia-  
12                 logue; and  
13                 (iii) the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-  
14                 nization;  
15                 (B) have earned a doctoral degree in a  
16                 program of study critical to national security or  
17                 have over 6 years of work experience in a sector  
18                 critical to national security; and

1 (C) are seeking admission to engage in  
2 work in the United States—

3 (i) in active research and development  
4 programs funded or overseen by the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense, Director of National In-  
6 telligence, Secretary of Energy; the Admin-  
7 istrator for the National Aeronautics and  
8 Space Administration; the Secretary of  
9 Commerce; or

10 (ii) in a research project critical to na-  
11 tional security and for a company or uni-  
12 versity certified by the Department of De-  
13 fense as sufficiently supporting Depart-  
14 ment of Defense research efforts.

15 (2) ALIENS ACCOMPANYING AND FOLLOWING  
16 TO JOIN.—Beginning in fiscal year 2025, visas shall  
17 be made available to any alien who is a spouse or  
18 minor child of a principal alien described in para-  
19 graph (1), if accompanying or following to join the  
20 principal alien.

21 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

22 (A) The term “critical to national secu-  
23 rity” means of or relating to the following  
24 fields: Additive Manufacturing, Advanced Com-  
25 puting, Advanced Engineering Materials, Ad-

1 advanced Gas Turbine Engine Technologies, Ad-  
2 vanced Manufacturing, Advanced and  
3 Networked Sensing and Signature Manage-  
4 ment, Advanced Nuclear Energy Technologies,  
5 Advanced Particle Detector Instrumentation  
6 Technologies, Biomanufacturing, Artificial In-  
7 telligence, Autonomous Systems and Robotics,  
8 Augmented Reality, Biotechnologies, Brain-  
9 Computer Interfaces, Critical Mineral Proc-  
10 essing or Refining, Communication and Net-  
11 working Technologies, Cybersecurity, Directed  
12 Energy, Financial Technologies, Human-Ma-  
13 chine Interfaces, Hypersonics, Synthetic Biol-  
14 ogy, Advanced Missile Propulsion Technologies,  
15 Nanotechnology, Networked Sensors and Sens-  
16 ing, Quantum Information Technologies,  
17 Geoengineering, Renewable Energy Generation  
18 and Storage, Semiconductors and Microelec-  
19 tronics, Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems,  
20 Neuromorphic Computing, Advanced Waste  
21 Management, Gene Editing, Advanced Naviga-  
22 tion and Positioning Systems, Space Tech-  
23 nologies and Systems, Energetics, or any other  
24 field as identified by the Secretary of Defense.

1 (B) The term “sufficiently supporting De-  
2 partment of Defense research efforts” means,  
3 with respect to a company, that such com-  
4 pany—

5 (i) has no research and development  
6 activities located in foreign adversary coun-  
7 tries in fields critical to national security;

8 (ii) has no internal policies limiting  
9 collaborations with the Department of De-  
10 fense or the United States intelligence  
11 community;

12 (iii) prioritizes United States-based  
13 supply chains and resources to minimize  
14 reliance on foreign adversary countries in  
15 the development and production of tech-  
16 nology in fields critical to national security;  
17 and

18 (iv) such other criteria as the Sec-  
19 retary of Defense determines appropriate.

20 (C) The term “foreign adversary” has the  
21 meaning given that term in section 7.2 of title  
22 15, Code of Federal Regulations.

23 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
24 tion shall be construed to entitle an alien—

1           (1) on behalf of whom a petition under this sec-  
2           tion is approved, to be admitted to the United States  
3           as an immigrant under this section if upon the  
4           alien's arrival at a port of entry in the United  
5           States, the alien is found not to be entitled to such  
6           classification; or

7           (2) to maintain conditional status or have con-  
8           ditions removed under section 1754 if the alien is  
9           discovered not to be entitled to such classification  
10          prior to the removal of conditions such section.

11          (c) ARMS EXPORT EXEMPTIONS.—Notwithstanding  
12 any other provision of law, any alien beneficiary of an ap-  
13 proved petition for classification by the Secretary of  
14 Homeland Security under this section who is a citizen of  
15 Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, or Canada  
16 shall not be subject to any “deemed export” or “deemed  
17 reexport” licensing or other authorization requirements  
18 imposed by the Arms Export Control Act, the Export Con-  
19 trol Reform Act of 2018, and section 730 of title 15, Code  
20 of Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), if  
21 the technology, technical data, or software released to such  
22 citizen—

23           (1) will be used exclusively for end uses and end  
24           users in the United States, Canada, Australia, the  
25           United Kingdom, or New Zealand; and

1           (2) will not be reexported, transferred, or other-  
2           wise released to any other foreign person except as  
3           authorized under the International Traffic in Arms  
4           Regulations or the Export Administration Regula-  
5           tions, as applicable.

6           (d) NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—For fiscal year 2024  
7           and each fiscal year thereafter, not more than 5,000 visas  
8           shall be made available to principal aliens described in  
9           subsection (a)(1). The nationals of a single country de-  
10          scribed in subsection (a)(1)(A) with respect to which a  
11          multilateral security agreement exists may not be issued  
12          more than 3,666 visas as principal aliens described in sub-  
13          section (a)(1).

14          (e) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
15          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
16          land Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State,  
17          shall publish in the Federal Register, an interim final rule  
18          implementing the amendments made by this section. Not-  
19          withstanding section 553 of title 5, United States Code,  
20          the rule shall be effective, on an interim basis, upon publi-  
21          cation, but may be subject to change and revision after  
22          public notice and opportunity for comment. The Secretary  
23          shall finalize such rule not later than 230 days after the  
24          date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (f) NUMERICAL LIMITATION ON EB-5 VISAS.—Sec-  
2 tion 203(b)(5)(B)(i)(I) of the Immigration and Nation-  
3 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1153(b)(5)(B)(i)(I)) is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Of the visas  
6 made available under this paragraph  
7 in each fiscal year—

8 “(aa) 50 percent shall be re-  
9 served for a principal alien under  
10 section 1751(a)(1) of the Service-  
11 member Quality of Life Improve-  
12 ment and National Defense Au-  
13 thorization Act for Fiscal Year  
14 2025; and

15 “(bb) 50 percent shall be re-  
16 served for a qualified immigrant  
17 described under subparagraph  
18 (A) of which—

19 “(AA) 20 percent shall  
20 be reserved for qualified im-  
21 migrants who invest in a  
22 rural area;

23 “(BB) 10 percent shall  
24 be reserved for qualified im-  
25 migrants who invest in an

1 area designated by the Sec-  
2 retary of Homeland Security  
3 under clause (ii) as a high  
4 unemployment area; and

5 “(CC) 2 percent shall  
6 be reserved for qualified im-  
7 migrants who invest in in-  
8 frastructure projects.”.

9 (g) **TIMELY ADJUDICATION OF PETITIONS.**—The  
10 Secretary of Homeland Security shall adjudicate all immi-  
11 grant visa petitions filed under this section on behalf of  
12 defense researchers not later than 60 days after receiving  
13 such petitions.

14 **SEC. 1752. RESTRICTING THE ACQUISITION OF EMERGING**  
15 **TECHNOLOGIES BY CERTAIN ALIENS.**

16 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—

17 (1) **SCREENING.**—The Secretary of State, in  
18 consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Di-  
19 rector of National Intelligence, the Director of the  
20 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secretary of  
21 Energy, and the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
22 shall screen each alien prior to confirming status  
23 under section 1751(a) for risk of foreign influence,  
24 espionage, or unauthorized transfer of sensitive tech-  
25 nology to foreign adversaries and engaged in foreign



1 influence, espionage, or unauthorized transfer of  
2 sensitive technology to foreign adversaries.

3 (2) SANCTIONS.—An alien determined to be en-  
4 gaged in foreign influence, espionage, or unauthor-  
5 ized transfer of sensitive technology to foreign adver-  
6 saries pursuant to the screening process under para-  
7 graph (1) shall be subject to sanctions described in  
8 subsection (c).

9 (b) INFORMATION GATHERING.—For the purpose of  
10 the screening process described in subsection (a), the head  
11 of each agency described in such subsection shall—

12 (1) take account of information and analyses  
13 relevant to implementing subsection (a) from the Di-  
14 rector of National Intelligence, the Secretary of De-  
15 fense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Sec-  
16 retary of Energy, and other appropriate Federal  
17 agencies;

18 (2) take account of the continual expert assess-  
19 ments of evolving sensitive or emerging technologies  
20 that foreign adversaries are targeting;

21 (3) take account of relevant information con-  
22 cerning the foreign person's employment or collabo-  
23 ration, to the extent known, with—

1 (A) foreign military and security related  
2 organizations that are adversarial to the United  
3 States;

4 (B) foreign institutions involved in the  
5 theft of United States research;

6 (C) entities involved in export control viola-  
7 tions or the theft of intellectual property;

8 (D) a government that seeks to undermine  
9 the integrity and security of the United States  
10 research community; or

11 (E) other associations or collaborations  
12 that pose a national security threat based on in-  
13 telligence assessments; and

14 (4) weigh the proportionality of risks and the  
15 factors described in paragraphs (1) through (3).

16 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
17 scribed in this subsection are the following:

18 (1) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS AND ADMISSION  
19 TO THE UNITED STATES.—An alien subject to sanc-  
20 tions described in subsection (a)(2) are—

21 (A) inadmissible to the United States;

22 (B) ineligible to receive a visa or other doc-  
23 umentation to enter the United States; and

24 (C) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or  
25 paroled into the United States or to receive any

1 other benefit under the Immigration and Na-  
2 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

3 (2) VISAS REVOKED.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
5 Homeland Security shall revoke the visa or  
6 other entry documentation of an alien described  
7 in subsection (a)(2) regardless of when the visa  
8 or other entry documentation was issued.

9 (B) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revocation  
10 under subparagraph (A) shall take effect imme-  
11 diately, and automatically invalidate any visa or  
12 entry documentation that is in the alien's pos-  
13 session, in accordance with section 221(i) of the  
14 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
15 1201(i)).

16 (3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-  
17 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—The sanctions described  
18 in this subsection shall not apply with respect to an  
19 alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the  
20 United States is necessary to permit the United  
21 States to comply with the Agreement regarding the  
22 Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake  
23 Success, June 26, 1947, and entered into force No-  
24 vember 21, 1947, between the United Nations and

1 the United States, or other applicable international  
2 obligations.

3 (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180  
4 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every  
5 6 months thereafter until the sunset date set forth in sec-  
6 tion 1755, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the  
7 Director of National Intelligence, the Director of the Of-  
8 fice of Science and Technology Policy, the Secretary of  
9 Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-  
10 retary of Energy, and the heads of other appropriate Fed-  
11 eral agencies, shall submit a report to the Committee on  
12 the Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign  
13 Relations of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Se-  
14 curity and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Com-  
15 mittee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives,  
16 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives, the Committee on Oversight and Reform of  
18 the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee  
19 on Strategic Competition between the United States and  
20 the Chinese Communist Party that identifies—

21 (1) any criteria, if relevant, used to determine  
22 whether an alien is subject to sanctions under sub-  
23 section (a);

24 (2) the number of individuals determined to be  
25 subject to sanctions under subsection (a), including

1 the nationality of each such individual and the rea-  
2 sons for each sanctions determination;

3 (3) the number of days from the date of the  
4 consular interview until a final decision is issued for  
5 each application for status under section 1751(a),  
6 listed by applicants' country of citizenship and rel-  
7 evant consulate; and

8 (4) whether the screening process described in  
9 subsection (a)(1) should be expanded to all aliens  
10 that pose a risk of illicit technology transfer.

11 (e) CLASSIFICATION OF REPORT.—Each report re-  
12 quired under subsection (d) shall be submitted, to the ex-  
13 tent practicable, in an unclassified form, but may be ac-  
14 companied by a classified annex.

15 (f) SCREENING PROCESS DEFINED.—The term  
16 “screening process” means, with respect to an applicant  
17 for status under section 1751(a), the review and use of  
18 information collected during screening, any additional in-  
19 formation obtained through interviews, consultation with  
20 other Federal Government officials, derogatory informa-  
21 tion, and information drawn from other sources to reach  
22 a determination regarding a national security concern re-  
23 lated to the applicant.

1 **SEC. 1753. CONDITIONAL PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS**  
2 **FOR CERTAIN DEFENSE RESEARCHERS,**  
3 **SPOUSES, AND CHILDREN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) CONDITIONAL BASIS FOR STATUS.—A de-  
6 fense researcher, as described in section 1751(a).  
7 and the alien spouse and each minor alien child of  
8 such researcher, shall each be provided the status of  
9 an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence,  
10 and shall be considered to have obtained such status  
11 on a conditional basis, subject to the provisions of  
12 this section. At the time of initial request for status,  
13 annual reviews, and an application to remove condi-  
14 tions of such status, each alien shall pay administra-  
15 tive filing fees limited to an amount that is sufficient  
16 to cover the average paperwork processing, review,  
17 and adjudication by the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
18 curity, and for those aliens seeking immigrant visa  
19 issuance at an American Consular post the adminis-  
20 trative filing fee to cover such processing, review,  
21 and adjudication by the Secretary of State.

22 (2) DEPARTURE NOT REQUIRED.—The Sec-  
23 retary of Homeland Security may not require a non-  
24 immigrant who is lawfully residing in the United  
25 States to leave the United States in order to obtain  
26 a conditional defense researcher visa under this sec-

1       tion, except in the case of an alien who has been ad-  
2       mitted to the United States under section  
3       101(a)(15)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality  
4       Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(B)).

5           (3) NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS.—At the time a  
6       defense researcher, or the alien spouse or child of  
7       such researcher, obtains permanent resident status  
8       on a conditional basis, the Secretary of Homeland  
9       Security shall notify such immigrant, spouse, or  
10      child of—

11           (A) the provisions of this section;

12           (B) the requirements for maintaining such  
13      conditional permanent resident status; and

14           (C) the requirements to have the condi-  
15      tional basis of such status removed.

16      (b) ANNUAL REVIEW.—The Secretary of Homeland  
17      Security shall annually review the status of each alien re-  
18      ceiving conditional permanent resident status under sub-  
19      section (a) by requiring from the alien evidence of ongoing  
20      employment—

21           (1) in a field critical to national security, as de-  
22      fined in section 1751(a)(3); and

23           (2) in research and development work described  
24      in section 1751(a)(3).

25      (c) TERMINATION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Any alien who receives con-  
2           ditional permanent resident status under subsection  
3           (a) and has such status terminated, shall receive no-  
4           tice of such termination and be provided a grace pe-  
5           riod of not less than 10 days to stop working after  
6           receipt of such notice and an additional period of  
7           not less than 80 days to voluntarily depart the  
8           United States, other than aliens whose status is ter-  
9           minated in paragraph (3)(B). Upon request, the  
10          Secretary of Homeland Security may increase the  
11          period of voluntary departure if special cir-  
12          cumstances so warrant.

13          (2) AGREEMENT TO DEPART.—By applying for  
14          and receiving conditional permanent resident status  
15          under subsection (a), an alien agrees to depart the  
16          United States voluntarily should such status be ter-  
17          minated and further agrees to be subject to expe-  
18          dited removal proceedings under section 235 should  
19          the alien fail to depart and not receive an increase  
20          of voluntary departure time.

21          (3) TERMINATION OF STATUS.—The Secretary  
22          of Homeland Security shall terminate the conditional  
23          permanent resident status of an alien who received  
24          such status under subsection (a) if—

25                       (A) the alien—



1 (i) fails to submit the required proof  
2 or evidence at the annual review in accord-  
3 ance with subsection (b); or

4 (ii) submits proof or evidence at such  
5 a review that fails to satisfy the require-  
6 ments under subsection (b);

7 (B) the alien is determined to be subject to  
8 sanctions under section 204A of the Immigra-  
9 tion and Nationality Act;

10 (C) the alien has been unemployed for a  
11 cumulative total of 120 days while holding con-  
12 ditional permanent resident status under sub-  
13 section (a), except if there are special cir-  
14 cumstances and other than for dependent  
15 spouses and children as they do not have an  
16 employment requirement;

17 (D) the alien obtained status as a bene-  
18 ficiary of an approved petition under section  
19 1751 but is employed by an employer that is  
20 not in compliance with the requirements under  
21 such section;

22 (E) the alien receives unemployment com-  
23 pensation (as defined in section 85(b) of the In-  
24 ternal Revenue Code of 1986) or receives any  
25 Federal or Federal-funded means-tested public

1 benefit (as that term is used in section 403 of  
2 the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-  
3 tunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.  
4 1613));

5 (F) the alien does not apply to remove the  
6 conditions attached to his or her permanent  
7 resident status within one year after holding  
8 conditional permanent resident status for three  
9 years; or

10 (G) an application submitted by the alien  
11 to remove the conditions attached to his or her  
12 permanent resident status is denied in a final  
13 agency action.

14 (d) REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any alien receiving condi-  
16 tional permanent resident status under subsection  
17 (a) shall file an application to have the conditions  
18 removed during the one year period beginning on the  
19 date that is 3 years after the alien is granted condi-  
20 tional permanent resident status, when an annual  
21 review would otherwise be required, and ending on  
22 the date that is 4 years after the alien is granted  
23 such status.

24 (2) APPLICATION.—Such application shall—

1 (A) include the same proof or evidence that  
2 would be required for an annual review under  
3 subsection (b) if such review occurred on the  
4 date on which the application was filed, along  
5 with data or information the Secretary of  
6 Homeland Security identifies; and

7 (B) be subject to a full review under and  
8 compliance with section 1751.

9 (3) DEPARTURE TIME.—Any alien who does not  
10 timely file to remove the conditions on his or her  
11 status or whose application to remove conditions is  
12 denied shall depart the United States within 90 days  
13 or be subject to expedited removal under section 235  
14 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
15 1225).

16 (e) APPLICATION WITH RESPECT TO CONDITIONAL  
17 DEFENSE RESEARCHERS.—In the case of conditional de-  
18 fense researchers described in section 1751(a) and this  
19 section—

20 (1) no application under this subsection can be  
21 filed without an already approved petition under sec-  
22 tion 1751;

23 (2) incident to their status as pending adjust-  
24 ment applicants, such immigrants shall be author-  
25 ized to work consistent with 1751(a) as of the date

1 a properly filed application for adjustment of status  
2 is received by the Secretary of Homeland Security  
3 and evidence of such receipt shall be promptly pro-  
4 vided, and evidence of an approved petition under  
5 section 1751; or

6 (3) applicants for adjustment of status under  
7 this subsection who are the named beneficiary of a  
8 petition approved under section 1751 may choose to  
9 request an employment authorization document for  
10 evidence of work authorization as an adjustment of  
11 status applicant but may only engage in employment  
12 that complies with section 1751, and the dependent  
13 spouse or child of such principal alien of section  
14 1751(a)(1) may also request an employment author-  
15 ization document, in order to seek employment as an  
16 adjustment of status applicant.

17 **SEC. 1754. ENHANCED DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
18 **FOREIGN RESEARCHERS AFFILIATED WITH**  
19 **THE FOREIGN ADVERSARY MILITARIES.**

20 (a) INQUIRY.—Before issuing a visa to a national of  
21 a foreign adversary with a background in or intention to  
22 study or conduct research at graduate level or above in  
23 a field critical to United States national security, the Sec-  
24 retary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security  
25 shall ask the alien seeking the visa to declare all sources

1 of funding for planned study or travel in the United  
2 States, to include funding for research, tuition, travel,  
3 housing, and meals, and if the alien is directly affiliated  
4 with, employed or has been employed, funded, or otherwise  
5 sponsored by the military of a foreign adversary or any  
6 of the affiliated institutions identified in subsection (c).

7 (b) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS  
8 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Subsection (a) shall not  
9 apply to an individual if admitting the individual to the  
10 United States is necessary to permit the United States  
11 to comply with the Agreement between the United Nations  
12 and the United States of America regarding the Head-  
13 quarters of the United Nations, signed June 26, 1947,  
14 and entered into force November 21, 1947, and other ap-  
15 plicable international obligations.

16 (c) FOREIGN ADVERSARY MILITARY INSTITU-  
17 TIONS.—Foreign adversary military institutions consist of  
18 the following:

19 (1) Military academic and research institutions  
20 of the People’s Republic of China identified by the  
21 China Aerospace Studies Institute (or successor or-  
22 ganization) of the Department of Air Force on the  
23 publicly available list titled “Academic and Research  
24 Institutions of the People’s Republic of China, the

1 Communist Party of China, including the CCP Peo-  
2 ple’s Liberation Army and the Armed Police”.

3 (2) People’s Republic of China civilian institu-  
4 tions identified by the Department of Defense for  
5 engaging in problematic activities on the list in-  
6 cluded in the publication of the Department of De-  
7 fense titled “Countering Unwanted Influence in De-  
8 partment-Funded Research at Institutions of Higher  
9 Education” and dated June 30, 2023, or any suc-  
10 cessor publication.

11 (3) Any successor to an institution specific in  
12 paragraphs (1) and (2).

13 (d) APPLICATION FEE.—

14 (1) ENHANCED SCREENING FEE.—The Sec-  
15 retary of State shall, subject to the exemption under  
16 paragraph (2), require any alien from a foreign ad-  
17 versary applying for status under subparagraph (F)  
18 or (J) of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and  
19 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)) to pay a fee  
20 of \$20, in addition to any other applicable fee, for  
21 the cost of enhanced screening of such application.

22 (2) FEE EXEMPTION.—An applicant may be ex-  
23 empted from paying an application fee if the appli-  
24 cant is being sponsored by the United States Gov-  
25 ernment.

1 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this part—

2 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
5 the House of Representatives;

6 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
7 the Senate;

8 (C) the Permanent Select Committee on  
9 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

10 (D) the Select Committee on Intelligence  
11 of the Senate;

12 (E) the Committees on the Judiciary of  
13 the House of Representatives and the Senate;

14 (F) Committees on Armed Services of the  
15 House of Representatives and the Senate; and

16 (G) the Select Committee on Strategic  
17 Competition between the United States and the  
18 Chinese Communist Party of the House of Rep-  
19 resentatives.

20 (2) The term “foreign adversary” means for-  
21 eign governments or foreign non-government persons  
22 determined by the Secretary of Commerce to be for-  
23 eign adversaries under part 7.4 of title 15, Code of  
24 Federal Regulations (as effect on the date of the en-  
25 actment of this Act).

1 **SEC. 1755. SUNSET.**

2 The authorities under this part shall cease to have  
3 any force or effect on the date that is 15 years after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act.

5 **PART 2—PILOT PROGRAM**

6 **SEC. 1756. EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE VISA**  
7 **SCREENING PROCEDURES.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
10 land Security and the Secretary of State shall jointly com-  
11 mence a pilot program at a United States diplomatic or  
12 consular post in a country with a high volume of individ-  
13 uals who are known to have engaged in government spon-  
14 sored technology transfer campaigns and aliens that qual-  
15 ify for admission under section 1751(a). The pilot pro-  
16 gram shall—

17 (1) be conducted for not fewer than 365 days;

18 and

19 (2) assess opportunities to enhance security  
20 screening, including the use of machine-readable  
21 technology and applicant interviews, to better defend  
22 research or sensitive technologies in the United  
23 States from foreign government sponsored tech-  
24 nology transfer campaigns.

25 (b) **MACHINE READABLE TECHNOLOGY.**—The Sec-  
26 retary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State



1 shall jointly, as part of the pilot program under subsection

2 (a)—

3 (1) deploy and test equipment and technology  
4 to ensure that all documents collected in connection  
5 with visa applications are stored in a machine-read-  
6 able and content-searchable format compatible and  
7 shareable between the Department of Homeland Se-  
8 curity and the Department of State, and as appro-  
9 priate, other interagency partners;

10 (2) collect supplemental documents from visa  
11 applicants in accordance with the requirements  
12 under paragraph (1), as appropriate, and ensure ap-  
13 propriate personnel from the Department of Home-  
14 land Security and the Department of State have ac-  
15 cess to such documents for visa security screening  
16 purposes; and

17 (3) evaluate the use of such technology and  
18 supplemental documents in improving the efficacy  
19 and efficiency of visa security screening.

20 (c) APPLICANT INTERVIEWS.—The Secretary of  
21 Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of  
22 State, shall determine whether additional questions or fur-  
23 ther documentation requests may be appropriate during  
24 visa applicant in-person interviews to improve visa security  
25 screening to address evolving threats to the United States.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 420 days after the initi-  
2 ation of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Sec-  
3 retary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State  
4 shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees and other appropriate Federal partners a report  
6 on the following:

7 (1) The results of the pilot program.

8 (2) Recommendations for machine-readable and  
9 content searchable equipment and technology and  
10 supplemental documents under paragraph (2).

11 (3) Recommendations for additional interview  
12 questions and further documentation requests under  
13 subsection (c).

14 (4) A determination as to whether and where to  
15 expand the use of technologies evaluated during the  
16 pilot program.

17 **PART 3—NONIMMIGRANT VISAS**

18 **SEC. 1757. VISITOR NONIMMIGRANTS.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an alien  
20 present in the United States as a temporary visitor for  
21 business or pleasure under section 101(a)(15)(B) of the  
22 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
23 1101(a)(15)(B)), including an alien with respect to whom  
24 requirements are waived under section 217 of such Act  
25 (8 U.S.C. 1187)—

1 (1) may not have a petition pending on the  
2 alien's behalf under section 1751; and

3 (2) may not file an application to adjustment of  
4 status under section 1753.

5 **SEC. 1758. STUDENT NONIMMIGRANTS.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an alien  
7 with status under section 101(a)(15)(F) of the Immigra-  
8 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)) pur-  
9 suing a course of study in accordance with such section  
10 may receive practical training and an employment author-  
11 ization under such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
12 of Homeland Security shall set, as long as such employ-  
13 ment is related to the field of study taken by the alien,  
14 including after completion of degree requirements. Such  
15 an alien may maintain status under section 101(a)(15)(F)  
16 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
17 1101(a)(15)(F)) if the alien is the beneficiary of a pending  
18 or approved petition filed pursuant to section 1751 or  
19 under section 204(a)(1) of the Immigration and Nation-  
20 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)), except that as an enrolled  
21 student the alien's course of study is required to be con-  
22 sistent with section 214(m) of the Immigration and Na-  
23 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(m)).

