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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to higher education, including requiring the
2 cancellation of the recognition or registration of public
3 institution of higher education student organizations that
4 support or endorse terrorism or certain specified terrorist
5 organizations, prohibiting students enrolled in institutions
6 of higher education who support or endorse terrorism or
7 certain specified terrorist organizations from receiving
8 certain specified forms of financial aid, modifying the
9 duties of the attorney general, and including effective date
10 provisions.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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DIVISION I
SHORT TITLE

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Combating Terrorist Sympathizers Act".

DIVISION II

DECERTIFICATION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS — STUDENT
INELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID — PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 261J.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

1. "*Public institution of higher education*" means a community college established under chapter 260C or an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents.

2. "*Student organization*" means a group officially recognized at or officially registered by a public institution of higher education, or a group seeking such official recognition or official registration, comprised of students who are admitted and in attendance at the public institution of higher education.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 261J.2 Cancellation of student organization recognition or registration.

1. The attorney general shall provide notice to a public institution of higher education and to the state board of regents or the board of directors of a community college, as applicable, within fifteen days after a student organization registered or recognized by the public institution of higher education endorses or promotes any of the following:

a. Terrorism.

b. The actions of any organization that is designated by the United States secretary of state as a foreign terrorist organization.

2. Notwithstanding chapter 261H, a public institution of higher education shall cancel the recognition or registration of a student organization that endorses or promotes any of the following within thirty days after the endorsement or promotion

1 occurs:

2 *a.* Terrorism.

3 *b.* The actions of any organization that is designated by
4 the United States secretary of state as a foreign terrorist
5 organization.

6 3. If a public institution of higher education fails to
7 comply with subsection 2, the attorney general shall bring an
8 action against the public institution of higher education for
9 a writ of mandamus to compel the public institution of higher
10 education to comply with subsection 2.

11 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 261J.3 **Students who endorse or**
12 **promote terrorism or terrorist organizations ineligible for state**
13 **financial aid.**

14 1. The attorney general shall provide notice to a public
15 institution of higher education, the department of education,
16 and to the state board of regents or the board of directors of
17 a community college, as applicable, within fifteen days after a
18 student who attends the public institution of higher education
19 endorses or promotes any of the following:

20 *a.* Terrorism.

21 *b.* The actions of any organization that is designated by
22 the United States secretary of state as a foreign terrorist
23 organization.

24 2. A student shall not be eligible to receive any financial
25 aid provided by the public institution of higher education, or
26 any state financial aid, including any financial aid provided
27 under chapter 256, subchapter VII, part 4, in the succeeding
28 fiscal year, or in any subsequent fiscal years, if the attorney
29 general determines that the student has endorsed or promoted
30 any of the following:

31 *a.* Terrorism.

32 *b.* The actions of any organization that is designated by
33 the United States secretary of state as a foreign terrorist
34 organization.

35 3. If a student is ineligible to receive financial aid

1 pursuant to subsection 2, the department of education shall
2 provide notice to the student of the student's ineligibility.

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DIVISION III

4 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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— INELIGIBILITY UNDER IOWA TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM

6 Sec. 5. Section 256.184, Code 2024, is amended to read as
7 follows:

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256.184 Who qualified.

9 A Subject to section 256.191A, a tuition grant may be awarded
10 to a resident of Iowa who is admitted and in attendance as
11 a full-time or part-time resident student at an accredited
12 private institution and who establishes financial need.

13 Sec. 6. Section 256.191, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended
14 to read as follows:

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1. *Students qualified.* A Subject to section 256.191A,
16 a tuition grant from moneys appropriated under section
17 256.194, subsection 2, may be awarded to a resident of Iowa
18 who is admitted and in attendance as a full-time or part-time
19 resident student at an eligible institution and who establishes
20 financial need.

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Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. **256.191A Students who endorse or
22 promote terrorism or terrorist organizations ineligible.**

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1. The attorney general shall provide notice to the
24 department of education and an accredited private institution
25 or an eligible institution within fifteen days after a student
26 who attends the accredited private institution or eligible
27 institution endorses or promotes any of the following:

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a. Terrorism.

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b. The actions of any organization that is designated by
30 the United States secretary of state as a foreign terrorist
31 organization.

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2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subpart to
33 the contrary, a student shall not be eligible to receive grants
34 under this subpart in the succeeding fiscal year, or in any
35 subsequent fiscal years, if the attorney general determines

1 that the student has endorsed or promoted any of the following:

2 a. Terrorism.

3 b. The actions of any organization that is designated by
4 the United States secretary of state as a foreign terrorist
5 organization.

6 3. If a student is ineligible to receive grants under
7 this subpart pursuant to subsection 2, the department of
8 education shall provide notice to the student of the student's
9 ineligibility.

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DIVISION IV

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EFFECTIVE DATE

12 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
13 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to higher education, including requiring
18 the cancellation of the recognition or registration of public
19 institution of higher education student organizations that
20 support or endorse terrorism or certain specified terrorist
21 organizations, prohibiting students enrolled in institutions of
22 higher education who support or endorse terrorism or certain
23 specified terrorist organizations from receiving certain
24 specified forms of financial aid, and modifying the duties of
25 the attorney general.

26 DIVISION I — SHORT TITLE. The bill shall be known and may
27 be cited as the "Combating Terrorist Sympathizers Act".

28 DIVISION II — DECERTIFICATION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS —
29 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. The division requires
30 the attorney general to provide notice to a public institution
31 of higher education and to the state board of regents or the
32 board of directors of a community college, as applicable,
33 within 15 days after a student organization endorses or
34 promotes terrorism or the actions of any foreign terrorist
35 organization.

1 The division requires a public institution of higher
2 education to cancel the recognition or registration of a
3 student organization that endorses or promotes violence,
4 terrorism, or the actions of any foreign terrorist organization
5 within 30 days after the endorsement or promotion occurs.
6 The division provides that if a public institution of higher
7 education fails to comply with this provision, the attorney
8 general shall bring an action against the public institution of
9 higher education for a writ of mandamus to compel the public
10 institution of higher education to comply.

11 The division requires the attorney general to provide notice
12 to a public institution of higher education, the department of
13 education, and to the state board of regents or the board of
14 directors of a community college, as applicable, within 15 days
15 after a student endorses or promotes terrorism or the actions
16 of any foreign terrorist organization. The division provides
17 that a student shall not be eligible to receive any financial
18 aid provided by the public institution of higher education, or
19 any state financial aid, in the succeeding fiscal year, or in
20 any subsequent fiscal years, if the attorney general determines
21 that the student has endorsed or promoted terrorism or the
22 actions of any foreign terrorist organization. The division
23 requires the department of education to provide notice to the
24 student of the student's ineligibility.

25 The division defines "public institution of higher
26 education" as a community college or an institution of higher
27 learning governed by the state board of regents. The division
28 defines "student organization" as a group officially recognized
29 at or officially registered by a public institution of higher
30 education, or a group seeking such official recognition
31 or official registration, comprised of students who are
32 admitted and in attendance at the public institution of higher
33 education.

34 DIVISION III — STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS
35 OF HIGHER EDUCATION — INELIGIBILITY UNDER IOWA TUITION GRANTS

1 PROGRAM. The division requires the attorney general to provide
2 notice to the department of education and an accredited private
3 institution or an eligible institution within 15 days after a
4 student endorses or promotes terrorism or the actions of any
5 foreign terrorist organization. The division provides that a
6 student shall not be eligible to receive grants under the Iowa
7 tuition grants program in the succeeding fiscal year, or in any
8 subsequent fiscal years, if the attorney general determines
9 that the student has endorsed or promoted terrorism or the
10 actions of any foreign terrorist organization. The division
11 requires the department of education to provide notice to the
12 student of the student's ineligibility.

13 DIVISION IV — EFFECTIVE DATE. The bill takes effect upon
14 enactment.