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BY COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 536)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 3, 2026)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting institutions of higher education from
2 entering into employment contracts with citizens of federally
3 designated foreign adversaries and state sponsors of terrorism
4 holding certain visas.

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

1 Section 1. Section 260C.14, Code 2026, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt a policy prohibiting the community
4 college from entering into an employment contract on or after
5 July 1, 2026, with an individual who is a holder of a valid
6 federal H-1B visa and who is also a citizen of a nation
7 designated as a foreign adversary by regulation of the United
8 States secretary of commerce or designated as a state sponsor of
9 terrorism by the United States secretary of state.

10 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **261M.1 Definition.**

11 As used in this chapter, "*institution of higher education*"
12 means a college or university located in this state that provides
13 a postsecondary course of instruction to students in this state
14 that leads to a degree. "*Institution of higher education*" does
15 not include an institution governed by the state board of regents
16 or a community college.

17 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **261M.2 Employment of certain visa**
18 **holders prohibited.**

19 An institution of higher education shall not enter into an
20 employment contract on or after July 1, 2026, with an individual
21 who is a holder of a valid federal H-1B visa and who is
22 also a citizen of a nation designated as a foreign adversary
23 by regulation of the United States secretary of commerce or
24 designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the United States
25 secretary of state.

26 Sec. 4. Section 262.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
27 following new subsection:

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 43. Adopt a policy prohibiting an
29 institution of higher education under its control from entering
30 into an employment contract on or after July 1, 2026, with an
31 individual who is a holder of a valid federal H-1B visa and who
32 is also a citizen of a nation designated as a foreign adversary
33 by regulation of the United States secretary of commerce or
34 designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the United States
35 secretary of state.