

## S 1879

Protect Our Universities Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 18, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1678	Related bill	<b>Mar 12, 2019:</b> Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Armed Services, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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This bill restricts student participation in sensitive research projects and prohibits the use of certain technologies for such projects.

The bill requires each student, prior to participating in a sensitive research project, to provide proof of citizenship to the institution of higher education where the project is being carried out. Specifically, it prohibits students who are citizens of China, Iran, or Russia from participating in such a project unless the student applies for and receives approval.

It prohibits certain technologies developed by listed entities, including Huawei Technologies Company and ZTE Corporation, from being used to carry out sensitive research projects.

It also requires the Department of Homeland Security to establish a national security technology task force, which must maintain a list of sensitive research projects and provide guidance to the institutions of higher education where such projects are being carried out.

## **Actions Timeline**

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