

**§ 6482. Voluntary codes of conduct for United States institutions of higher education outside the United States**

**(a) Finding**

Congress recognizes the enduring importance of United States institutions of higher education worldwide—

- (1) for their potential for shaping positive leadership and new educational models in host countries; and
- (2) for their emphasis on teaching universally recognized rights of free inquiry and academic freedom.

**(b) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that United States institutions of higher education operating campuses outside the United States or establishing any educational entities with foreign governments, particularly with or in countries the governments of which engage in or tolerate severe violations of religious freedom as identified in the Annual Report, should seek to adopt a voluntary code of conduct for operating in such countries that should—

- (1) uphold the right of freedom of religion of their employees and students, including the right to manifest that religion peacefully as protected in international law;
- (2) ensure that the religious views and peaceful practice of religion in no way affect, or be allowed to affect, the status of a worker's or faculty member's employment or a student's enrollment; and
- (3) make every effort in all negotiations, contracts, or memoranda of understanding engaged in or constructed with a foreign government to protect academic freedom and the rights enshrined in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

(Pub. L. 105–292, title VII, § 702, as added Pub. L. 114–281, title VI, § 601, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1438.)

**§ 6483. Sense of Congress regarding national security strategy to promote religious freedom through United States foreign policy**

It is the sense of Congress that the annual national security strategy report of the President required under section 3043 of title 50—

- (1) should promote international religious freedom as a foreign policy and national security priority; and
- (2) should articulate that promotion of the right to freedom of religion is a strategy that—
  - (A) protects other, related human rights, and advances democracy outside the United States; and
  - (B) makes clear its importance to United States foreign policy goals of stability, security, development, and diplomacy;

(3) should be a guide for the strategies and activities of relevant Federal agencies; and

(4) should inform the Department of Defense quadrennial defense review under section 118<sup>1</sup>

of title 10 and the Department of State Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review.

(Pub. L. 105–292, title VII, § 703, as added Pub. L. 114–281, title VI, § 601, Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1439.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 118 of title 10, referred to in par. (4), was repealed by Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title IX, § 941(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2367. For provisions related to national defense strategy similar to those contained in former section 118 prior to repeal, see section 113(g) of Title 10, Armed Forces.

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