

From the Desk of Denise Spiller, Director

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The Office of Research Security is hosting the last two Annual Refresher Trainings for 2023! Please make sure to attend one of the following trainings - otherwise, you'll end up on April's Naughty Elves list. Please send your RSVP to April McMeans (april.mcmeans@uah.edu) to reserve your spot.

Also, if you have received other emails to complete Insider Threat, Controlled Unclassified training or CITI Export Control trainings, please be sure to complete these training prior to the end of 2023.

If you are not up to date on the required trainings mentioned above, you will be administratively debriefed.



IN PERSON 2023 Annual Security Refresher trainings

Monday, December 11, 11:00am – 1:00pm, Von Braun Research Hall (VBH), Room M-50

Thursday, December 14, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Von Braun Research Hall (VBH), Room M-50

House Committee Advances Bill to Tighten Colleges' Foreign Gift Reporting Mandates

Jeremy Bauer-Wolf | Higher Ed Dive | November 8, 2023

Dive Brief:

- The House's Republican-led education committee advanced a bill Wednesday that would dramatically widen the scope of foreign gifts and contracts that colleges would need to report to the federal government.
- During a meeting of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, GOP lawmakers accused colleges of failing to disclose the breadth of their foreign donations. Under Section 117 of the Higher Education Act, they must report to the U.S. Department of Education any totaling \$250,000 or more in a year.
- Republicans' legislative proposal would drop that threshold to \$50,000 or more. Committee Democrats condemned the plan as xenophobic and onerous to the colleges and Education Department, the latter of which wouldn't receive any new funding to help track this data.

Dive Insight:

Section 117 was a relatively obscure piece of federal law until the Trump administration began drawing attention to colleges' disclosure requirements. The Education Department at the time opened investigations into high-profile institutions' foreign gifts and started tying their federal money to compliance with the law.

To read the full article, use the link below: <https://www.highereddive.com/news/house-committee-advances-bill-to-tighten-colleges-foreign-gift-reporting-m/699255/>



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