

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To require all institutions of higher education receiving Federal assistance to regularly submit information to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System regarding students, faculty, and administrators who are not United States citizens or lawful permanent residents.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Educational Visa
5 Transparency Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY REPORTING OF ALIENS AT INSTITU-**
2 **TIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 641 of the Illegal Immi-
4 gration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
5 (8 U.S.C. 1372) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
7 section (i); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(h) SEVIS EXPANSION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
12 after the date of the enactment of the Educational
13 Visa Transparency Act of 2026, and not later than
14 30 days after each subsequent deadline for class reg-
15 istration for an academic term, each institution of
16 higher education (as defined in section 101 of the
17 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001))
18 that receives funding or benefits from the Federal
19 Government shall electronically submit to the Stu-
20 dent and Exchange Visitor Information System a
21 complete and accurate list of all students, faculty
22 members, and administrators enrolled at or em-
23 ployed by such institution who are not United States
24 citizens or lawful permanent residents, disaggregated
25 by the type of visa held.

1 “(2) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—Officials of
2 the Department of Education, the Department of
3 Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and
4 the Department of State shall have access to the in-
5 formation submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) for
6 the purpose of carrying out the duties of their re-
7 spective offices.”.