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A BILL

To enact section 5501.84 of the Revised Code to
prohibit the purchase of small unmanned aircraft
systems manufactured or assembled by a covered
foreign entity.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5501.84 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5501.84. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Covered foreign entity" means an individual, foreign
government, or party to which one or more of the following
criteria apply:

(a) The entity is designated on the consolidated screening
list published by the United States department of commerce or
entity list published by the United States department of
commerce.

(b) The entity is domiciled in the People's Republic of
China or the Russian Federation.

(c) The entity is under the influence or control of the 17
government of the People's Republic of China or the Russian 18
Federation. 19

(d) The entity is a subsidiary or affiliate of an 20
individual, government, or party to which any of divisions (A) 21
(1) (a) to (c) of this section apply. 22

(2) "Public entity" means the state and all political 23
subdivisions of the state, including all boards, authorities, 24
commissions, agencies, committees, councils, state colleges or 25
universities, and other state entities created by the Ohio 26
Constitution or the Revised Code. 27

(3) "Small unmanned aircraft system" means a powered, 28
aerial vehicle to which all of the following apply: 29

(a) The vehicle does not carry a human operator and is 30
operated without the possibility of direct human intervention 31
from within or on the vehicle. 32

(b) The aircraft uses aerodynamic forces to provide lift. 33

(c) The vehicle can fly autonomously or be piloted 34
remotely. 35

(d) The vehicle is either expendable or recoverable. 36

"Small unmanned aircraft system" is commonly referred to 37
as a drone and does not include a satellite. 38

(B) (1) A public entity shall not purchase or otherwise 39
acquire a small unmanned aircraft system that is manufactured or 40
assembled by a covered foreign entity. 41

(2) No state funds shall be used in connection with small 42
unmanned aircraft systems manufactured or assembled by a covered 43

foreign entity, including state funds that are awarded through a 44
contract, grant, or cooperative agreement or that are otherwise 45
made available. 46

(3) On or after May 1, 2027, a public entity shall not 47
operate a small unmanned aircraft system manufactured or 48
assembled by a covered foreign entity. 49