

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 4665

To require the Secretary of State to submit a strategy to Congress for countering Iranian and Hezbollah influence operations in Latin America.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. CURTIS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Barring Adversarial
5 Networks and Notorious Extremist Destabilizers in Latin
6 America Act” or the “BANNED in Latin America Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO COUNTER IRANIAN AND HEZBOLLAH**

8 **INFLUENCE OPERATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA.**

9 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
11 of State shall submit a comprehensive strategy to the

1 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
2 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
3 tives for countering Iran's and Hezbollah's propaganda
4 networks and influence operations in Latin America.

5 (b) CONTENTS OF STRATEGY.—The strategy re-
6 quired under subsection (a) shall include—

7 (1) initiatives that strengthen the capacity of
8 the United States to identify, monitor, and disrupt
9 Iran's and Hezbollah's malign networks, including
10 their cooperation with academic institutions and
11 nongovernmental organizations in Latin America;

12 (2) a framework for taking actions, similar to
13 those implemented against Al-Manar and Press TV,
14 to disrupt Hezbollah's Al Mayadeen Español plat-
15 form, including sanctions, designations, and coopera-
16 tion with regional partners to limit their broad-
17 casting reach and digital presence; and

18 (3) a plan to expose Iran's Al Mustafa Inter-
19 national University network and its affiliated enti-
20 ties, including by working with local governments to
21 address its role in radicalization and recruitment for
22 Iran's ideological and terrorist objectives.

23 (c) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
24 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form and may in-
25 clude a classified annex.