

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;

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 (4) initiatives designed to weaken the ability of
24 Iranian- and Hezbollah-linked individuals from en-

1 gaging in drugs and contraband smuggling and
2 money laundering;

3 (5) actions to restrict Iranian- and Hezbollah-
4 linked networks from their ability to exploit natural
5 resources for financial gain, including by benefitting
6 from illicit mining, including of gold, in Venezuela
7 and elsewhere in the region; and

8 (6) initiatives aimed at working with partners
9 and allies to counter Hezbollah document fraud op-
10 erations, including the production of falsified pass-
11 ports, birth certificates, driver's licenses, and other
12 government identification.

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