



Student Organizations – House Bill 127 (HB 127) Compliance (Quick Reference)

University Compliance | Texas Education Code [§ 51B.103](#)

Required Action (Annual Attestation)

All registered student organizations must complete the **HB 127 online attestation** and review all funding sources.

Certification Statement

A student leader must certify:

I certify, in accordance with Tex. Educ. Code § 51B.103, (NAME OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION) has not accepted any gifts from a foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary, or entered into a contract or agreement with a foreign adversary or agent of a foreign adversary under which my organization receives financial support.

What is HB 127? (Plain Language)

A Texas law designed to **protect universities from foreign influence and financial control** by requiring:

- Identification of high-risk foreign relationships
- Strong oversight and accountability
- Institutional enforcement of compliance

When Does This Apply?

HB 127 applies **only if a student organization is:**

- Funded, directed, or controlled by a foreign adversary or its agents; or
- Acting on behalf of a foreign government's political or strategic interests

Important: The focus is on **foreign control or funding**, not culture, identity, or viewpoints.

Foreign Adversaries (Current List)

- China
- Russia
- Iran
- North Korea
- Cuba
- Venezuela (Maduro Regime)

What Organizations Cannot Do

- Accept gifts from a foreign adversary or its agents
- Enter financial agreements or contracts with a foreign adversary

Allowed: Member dues and internal fees

Annual Requirements

- Complete certification each year
- Confirm no prohibited funding sources

UTHealth Houston Policy & Enforcement

UTHealth Houston must:

- Deny benefits to non-compliant organizations
- Terminate recognition of organizations in violation

Law Snapshot (Tex. Educ. Code § 51B.103)

- Prohibits foreign adversary funding
- Requires annual compliance certification
- Allows member dues
- Mandates institutional enforcement

Bottom Line

To stay compliant:

- Review funding sources
- Avoid foreign adversary financial ties
- Complete annual attestation
- Maintain transparency

Non-compliance results in loss of recognition and university support