

118TH CONGRESS
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To prohibit actions recognizing the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. LUMMIS) introduced the fol-
lowing bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

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 “Preventing the Rec-
5 ognition of Terrorist States Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to not recognize the Islamic Emirate of Af-
9 ghanistan, which is controlled by the Taliban, as the

1 official Government of Afghanistan under any cir-
2 cumstances;

3 (2) to view the Taliban's takeover of Afghani-
4 stan as a coup d'état and therefore illegitimate; and

5 (3) to recognize that individuals designated as
6 terrorists by the United States, such as Sirajuddin
7 Haqqani, will play a key role in the Taliban regime.

8 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON ACTIONS RECOGNIZING THE IS-**
9 **LAMIC EMIRATE OF AFGHANISTAN.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the policy set
11 forth in section 2, no Federal department or agency may
12 take any action or extend any assistance that states or
13 implies recognition of the Taliban's claim of sovereignty
14 over Afghanistan.

15 (b) FUNDING LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, no Federal funds appropriated or
17 otherwise made available for the Department of State, the
18 United States Agency for International Development, or
19 the Department of Defense on or after the date of the
20 enactment of this Act may be obligated or expended to
21 prepare or promulgate any policy, guidance, regulation,
22 notice, or Executive order, or to otherwise implement, ad-
23 minister, or enforce any policy, that extends diplomatic
24 recognition to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF ISLAMIC EMIRATE OF AFGHANI-**
2 **STAN AS A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall des-
4 ignate the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan as a state spon-
5 sor of terrorism.

6 (b) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM DEFINED.—In
7 this section, the term “state sponsor of terrorism” means
8 a country the government of which the Secretary of State
9 has determined has repeatedly provided support for acts
10 of international terrorism, for purposes of—

11 (1) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Export Con-
12 trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.
13 4813(c)(1)(A)(i));

14 (2) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act
15 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

16 (3) section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control
17 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or

18 (4) any other provision of law.

19 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATION OF THE TALIBAN AS A FOREIGN TER-**
20 **RORIST ORGANIZATION.**

21 The Secretary of State shall designate the Taliban
22 as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219
23 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).