HOUSE BILL 911

Short Title:	IT Procurement Sourcing Restrictions. (Public)

Sponsors:	Representatives Jones and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors).
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1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT STATE AGENCIES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
3   CAROLINA TO PURCHASE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND
4   RELATED COMPONENTS FROM NON-CHINESE SOURCES.
5   Whereas, China is a geopolitical threat to the United States of America; and
6   Whereas, cybersecurity is and shall remain an utmost priority of North Carolina and
7 its people's State government; and
8   Whereas, Chinese entities consistently engage in the theft of property and sources of
9 other data; and
10   Whereas, China has openly engaged in cyber-warfare with the United States of
11 America, American companies, and citizens; Now, therefore,
12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
13   **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-1363 reads as rewritten:
14 "**§ 143B-1363. Information technology sourcing restrictions.**
15   Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, State agencies and the constituent
16 institutions of The University of North Carolina shall not purchase information technology
17 hardware and related components that have been manufactured in China unless either of the
18 following conditions have been met:
19   (1)   No comparable product can be found that meets the required parameters for
20   availability, performance, security, or functionality, including an operating
21   system.
22   (2)   The cost of a comparable product exceeds the cost of the Chinese-made
23   product by ten percent (10%) or more."
24   **SECTION 2.(a)** The Department of Information Technology and The University of
25 North Carolina shall adopt rules and procedures in accordance with this act no later than
26 December 31, 2019.
27   **SECTION 2.(b)** This act is effective when it becomes law.