



Legislative Efforts to Address Security Concerns

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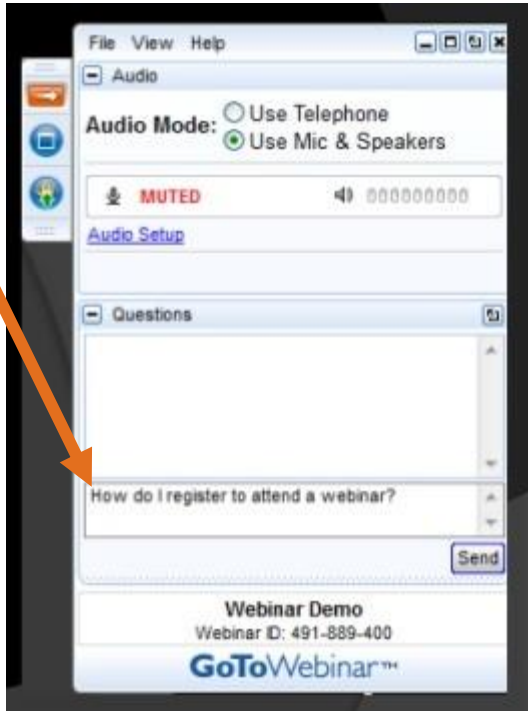


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United States Innovation and Competition Act (USICA)

Academic Science and Security Provisions



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Three Focus Areas



- **Overarching Goal of USICA: U.S. Economic and Security Competitiveness in the World, Particularly with Respect to China**
- **Overarching concern: Information Security/National Security Threats, particularly with respect to China**
- **Secondary concern: Cultural Primacy/Threats to Freedom, Free Speech**

Goals of Legislation

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- **Targeted Competitiveness with Certain Technologies, Closing the “Valley of Death”**
- **Protection of Supply Chains, Particularly with Respect to Critical Materials**
- **Cyber Threats, Particularly After Colonial Pipeline**

USICA Controls: Personnel

- **Controls on Talent Recruitment Programs (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea)**
- **Proposed Visa Restrictions (SAIA)—allows the government to deny visas**

USICA Controls: Gifts/Payments

- **Section 117 Expansion of Reporting Threshold**
- **CFIUS Reporting (Senate Foreign Relations Committee vs. Banking Committee) on Critical Technologies**



USICA Controls: Cultural Values/Free Speech

- **Confucius Institutes**
- **Other Broad Free Speech Measures**

Outlook for Security Provisions as Legislation Moves Forward

- **House Action on NSF/Department of Commerce/Department of Energy**
- **Timing for the Legislation**

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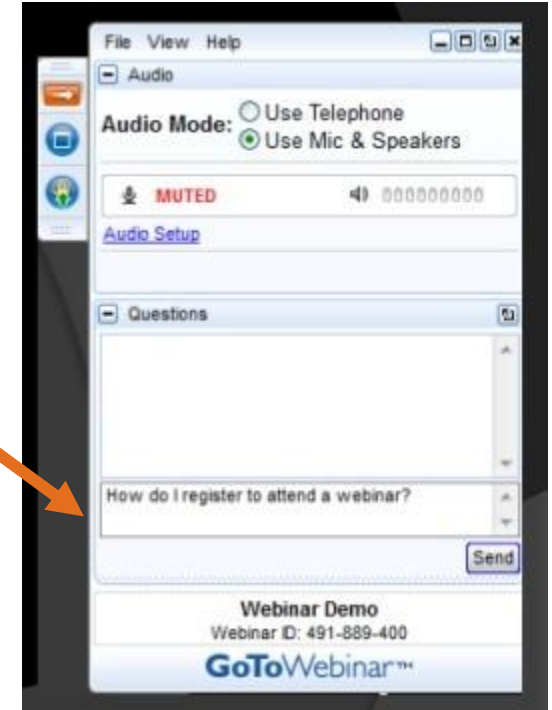
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