By Senator Ingoglia

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to postsecondary education students; amending s. 1006.61, F.S.; requiring public postsecondary educational institutions to report certain student information to the United States Department of Homeland Security; defining the term "foreign terrorist organization"; amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; defining the term "foreign terrorist organization"; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; requiring a Florida College System institution to assess the outof-state fee for students who promote a foreign terrorist organization; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; requiring a state university to assess the out-ofstate fee for students who promote a foreign terrorist organization; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing that students who promote a foreign terrorist organization are ineligible for a fee waiver; creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.; providing that students who promote a foreign terrorist organization are ineligible for any institutional or state grants, financial aid, scholarships, or tuition assistance; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.61, Florida Statutes, to read:

1006.61 Participation by students in disruptive activities at public postsecondary educational institution; penalties.—

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(3) A public postsecondary educational institution must report through the Student and Exchange Visitor Program of the United States Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. s. 214.3(g)(2)(ii), information relating to the current status of a student who is attending the institution on an F-1 student visa if that student promotes any foreign terrorist organization. For the purposes of this section, the term "foreign terrorist organization" has the same meaning as in s. 1009.01(4).

Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 1009.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.01 Definitions.—The term:

(4) "Foreign terrorist organization" includes those organizations designated by the United States Department of State as a foreign organization that engages in or has the capability and intent to engage in terrorist activity and threatens the defense, foreign relations, or economic interests of the United States. The designation includes, but is not limited to, Hamas and Palestine Islamic Jihad.

Section 3. Subsection (22) is added to section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.-

(22) A student who promotes a foreign terrorist organization during any term of his or her enrollment must be assessed the out-of-state fee established in subsections (3) and (4) during that term and any subsequent term of enrollment.

Section 4. Subsection (22) is added to section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.-

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(22) A student who promotes a foreign terrorist organization during any term of his or her enrollment must be assessed the out-of-state fee established in subsection (4) during that term and any subsequent term of enrollment.

Section 5. Subsection (22) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.-

(22) A student who promotes a foreign terrorist organization during any term of his or her enrollment is ineligible for any fee waiver under this section during that term and any subsequent term of enrollment.

Section 6. Section 1009.8963, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1009.8963 Prohibition on awarding of scholarships, grants, and other aid.—A student who promotes a foreign terrorist organization during any term of his or her enrollment may not be awarded any institutional or state grants, financial aid, scholarships, or tuition assistance under this chapter during that term and any subsequent term of enrollment.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.