

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Busatta offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**Section 1. Section 106.031, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

106.031 Registration of agents and organizations associated with foreign nations.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) "Address" includes any address, no matter where located, inside or outside of the United States.

(b) "Agent of a foreign country of concern" means a person:

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14       1. Who acts as an agent, an employee, a representative, or  
15 a servant, or who otherwise acts at the order, at the request,  
16 or under the direction or control, of a foreign country of  
17 concern;

18       2. Whose actions are financed, in whole or in part, by a  
19 foreign country of concern; and

20       3. Who engages in political activity.

21       (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
22 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
23 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
24 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
25 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
26 significant control of such foreign country of concern.

27       (d) "Foreign-supported political organization" means a  
28 political party or a domestic partnership, an association, a  
29 corporation, an organization, or any other business entity that  
30 engages in political activity within the state and that:

31       1. Has its principal place of business in a foreign  
32 country of concern; or

33       2. Is at least 20 percent beneficially owned by a foreign  
34 country of concern, a nonresident alien from a foreign country  
35 of concern, or an entity organized under the laws of or having  
36 its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

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37       (e) "Payment" includes compensation and disbursement made  
38 in any form, including, but not limited to, contributions,  
39 income, money, tangible property, and intangible property.

40       (f) "Political activity" means an activity that is  
41 performed to:

42           1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local  
43 governmental entity;

44           2. Influence the public in creating, adopting, or changing  
45 state laws or government policies;

46           3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

47           4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

48           5. Support or oppose any issue.

49       (2) (a) A person who becomes an agent of a foreign country  
50 of concern must, within 10 days after becoming such an agent,  
51 register with the division. The registration must be signed  
52 under oath.

53       (b) The division shall create a form for the registration  
54 required under paragraph (a). Such form must, at a minimum,  
55 require the following information:

56           1. The registrant's name.

57           2. The address of the registrant's primary residence and  
58 all other addresses associated with the registrant.

59           3. The name and address of the registrant's principal  
60 place of business.

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61       4. A detailed statement describing the nature of the  
62 registrant's business.

63       5. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom  
64 the registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or  
65 has agreed to act.

66       6. A detailed statement describing the nature of the work  
67 and the character of the business or other activities of each  
68 foreign country of concern identified under subparagraph 5.

69       7. A statement detailing each time the registrant received  
70 a payment from a foreign country of concern identified under  
71 subparagraph 5. within the previous 90 days. The statement must  
72 identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such  
73 payment.

74       8. The total amount of such payments the registrant has  
75 received within the previous 90 days from a foreign country of  
76 concern identified under subparagraph 5.

77       9. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant,  
78 or a person on behalf of the registrant, is performing, has  
79 performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of a foreign  
80 country of concern identified under subparagraph 5.

81       10. If the registrant is also engaged in political  
82 activity on behalf of a person who is not associated with a  
83 foreign country of concern but who is an agent of a foreign  
84 country of concern:

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85       a. The name, employer, business and residence addresses,  
86 and, if applicable, nationality of such person.

87       b. A detailed statement of all activities the registrant,  
88 or a person on behalf of the registrant, is performing, has  
89 performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of such person.

90       c. A statement detailing each time the registrant received  
91 a payment from such person within the previous 90 days. The  
92 statement must identify the amount of the payment and the nature  
93 of such payment.

94       11. A detailed statement of the payments made by the  
95 registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with  
96 actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or  
97 in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a  
98 person identified under subparagraph 10.

99       12. A detailed statement of any payments made by the  
100 registrant during the previous 90 days related to any political  
101 activity.

102       (c) A registrant must update the information required by  
103 paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

104       (d) A person must register as an agent of a foreign  
105 country of concern for any period of time he or she was engaged  
106 in such position.

107       (3) (a) On or before January 1, 2026, each foreign-  
108 supported political organization must register with the  
109 division.

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110        (b) The division shall create a form for the registration  
111 required under paragraph (a). Such form must, at a minimum,  
112 require the following information:

113        1. The organization's name and mailing address and the  
114 address of any physical office.

115        2. The names and titles of all officers or directors of  
116 the organization.

117        3. The address of each person identified under  
118 subparagraph 2.

119        4. A detailed statement of any payment made by the  
120 organization that would constitute political activity during the  
121 previous calendar year.

122        5. A detailed statement of any payment made to, or  
123 received by, the organization from a foreign country of concern  
124 or an agent of a foreign country of concern during the preceding  
125 calendar year.

126        (c) An organization must update the information required  
127 by paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

128        (4) Upon a finding by the Florida Elections Commission of  
129 a violation of this section, in addition to the remedies  
130 provided in ss. 106.265 and 106.27, an agent of a foreign  
131 country of concern or a foreign-supported political organization  
132 may be liable for the following penalties:

133        (a) For any violation, a fine of up to \$500 per violation.

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134        (b) For any willful or repeated violation, a fine of up to  
135        \$2,000 per violation.

136        **Section 2. Subsections (2) through (5) of section 287.138,**  
137        **Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection (3) is added**  
138        **to that section, to read:**

139        287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign countries of  
140        concern prohibited.—

141        (2) (a) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into  
142        a contract with an entity which would give access to an  
143        individual's personal identifying information if:

144        1. ~~(a)~~ The entity is owned by the government of a foreign  
145        country of concern;

146        2. ~~(b)~~ The government of a foreign country of concern has a  
147        controlling interest in the entity; or

148        3. ~~(c)~~ The entity is organized under the laws of or has its  
149        principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

150        (b) ~~(3)~~ Beginning July 1, 2025, a governmental entity may  
151        not extend or renew a contract with an entity listed in  
152        paragraph (a) paragraphs ~~(2) (a) ~~(c)~~~~ if the contract would give  
153        such entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
154        information.

155        (3) Beginning October 15, 2025:

156        (a) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract  
157        with an entity for any services or to purchase computers,  
158        printers, or interoperable videoconferencing devices if:

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159        1. The government of a foreign country of concern has any  
160 ownership interest, directly or indirectly, in the entity, or  
161 any ownership interest, directly or indirectly, in any  
162 subsidiary or parent company of the entity;

163        2. The computers, printers, or interoperable  
164 videoconferencing devices to be provided under the contract are  
165 being furnished by a third party in which the government of a  
166 foreign country of concern has any ownership interest, directly  
167 or indirectly; or

168        3. The entity has its principal place of business in a  
169 foreign country of concern.

170        (b) A governmental entity may not extend or renew a  
171 contract with an entity listed in paragraph (a).

172        ~~(4)(a) Beginning October 15, 2025: January 1, 2024,~~

173        (a) A governmental entity may not accept a bid on, a  
174 proposal for, or a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an  
175 entity for goods or services described in paragraph (3) (a), or  
176 which would grant the entity access to an individual's personal  
177 identifying information, unless the entity provides the  
178 governmental entity with a signed an affidavit, signed by an  
179 ~~officer or representative of the entity~~ under penalty of  
180 perjury, attesting that the entity does not meet any of the  
181 criteria in paragraph (2) (a) or paragraph (3) (a) paragraphs  
182 ~~(2) (a) - (c).~~

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183        (b) Before an entity submits a bid, proposal, or reply to  
184 provide goods or services to a governmental entity, the entity  
185 must sign an affidavit, under penalty of perjury, attesting that  
186 the entity does not meet any of the criteria in paragraph (2) (a)  
187 or paragraph (3) (a).

188        (c) ~~(b)~~ Beginning July 1, 2025, When an entity extends or  
189 renews a contract with a governmental entity for goods or  
190 services described in paragraph (3) (a), or which would grant the  
191 entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
192 information, the entity must provide the governmental entity  
193 with a signed ~~an~~ affidavit, ~~signed by an officer or~~  
194 ~~representative of the entity~~ under penalty of perjury, attesting  
195 that the entity does not meet any of the criteria in paragraph  
196 (2) (a) or paragraph (3) (a) ~~paragraphs (2) (a) - (c).~~

197        (5) The Attorney General may bring a civil action in any  
198 court of competent jurisdiction against an entity that violates  
199 this section. Violations of this section may result in:

200        (a) A civil penalty equal to twice the amount of the  
201 contract for which the entity submitted a bid or proposal for,  
202 replied to, or entered into;

203        (b) Ineligibility to enter into, renew, or extend any  
204 other contract, including any grant agreements, with any  
205 governmental entity for up to 5 years;

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(c) Ineligibility to receive or renew any license, certification, or credential issued by a governmental entity for up to 5 years; and

(d) Placement on the suspended vendor list pursuant to s. 287.1351.

**Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 381.0202, Florida Statutes, to read:**

381.0202 Laboratory services.—

(5) The department may not allow in any laboratory under this section the use of any operational or research software used for genetic sequencing that is produced in or by a foreign country of concern, a state-owned enterprise of a foreign country of concern, or a company domiciled within a foreign country of concern. For purposes of this subsection, the term "foreign country of concern" means the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of such foreign country of concern.

**Section 4. Subsection (15) of section 408.810, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

408.810 Minimum licensure requirements.—In addition to the licensure requirements specified in this part, authorizing statutes, and applicable rules, each applicant and licensee must

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231 comply with the requirements of this section in order to obtain  
232 and maintain a license.

233 (15) (a) The licensee must ensure that a person or an  
234 entity that ~~who~~ possesses a controlling interest does not hold,  
235 either directly or indirectly, regardless of ownership  
236 structure, an interest in an entity that has a business  
237 relationship with a foreign country of concern or that is  
238 subject to s. 287.135.

239 (b) The failure of a licensee to obtain assurances from a  
240 person or an entity that indirectly owns a controlling interest  
241 in the licensee or indirectly holds an interest in an entity as  
242 specified in paragraph (a) does not:

243 1. Affect the license or insurability of the licensee; or  
244 2. Subject the licensee to civil or criminal liability,  
245 unless the licensee has actual knowledge that an indirect  
246 interest holder is:

247 a. A foreign principal from a foreign country of concern;  
248 and

249 b. Not in compliance with the requirements of this  
250 section.

251 (c) ~~(b)~~ For purposes of this subsection, the term:

252 1. "Business relationship" means engaging in commerce in  
253 any form, which includes ~~including, but not limited to,~~  
254 acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing,  
255 leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel,

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products, services, personal property, real property, or  
military equipment, ~~or any other apparatus of business or~~  
~~commerce.~~

2. "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
Arab Republic, including any agency of such foreign country of  
concern ~~has the same meaning as in s. 692.201.~~

3. "Foreign principal" has the same meaning as in s.  
692.201.

4. "Indirect interest holder" means a person or an entity  
which, at the time of initial application or renewal, owns less  
than 5 percent of the licensee; owns less than 5 percent in the  
management company or other entity that contracts with the  
licensee to manage the provider; or owns equities in a publicly  
traded company that has a controlling interest or noncontrolling  
interest in the licensee.

~~5.3.~~ "Interest" has the same meaning as in s. 286.101(1).

**Section 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to foreign countries of concern;  
creating s. 106.031, F.S.; providing definitions;  
requiring agents of foreign countries of concern and  
foreign-supported political organizations to register  
with the Division of Elections within a specified  
timeframe; requiring the registration of an agent of a  
foreign country of concern be signed under oath;  
requiring the division to create registration forms;  
providing requirements for such forms; requiring  
periodic updates by agents and organizations;  
providing penalties for violations; amending s.  
287.138, F.S.; prohibiting governmental entities from  
entering into contracts with entities for services or  
to purchase certain products and from extending or  
renewing contracts with entities with certain  
connections to foreign countries of concern; requiring  
certain entities that submit a bid, proposal, or reply  
to provide goods or services to sign an affidavit;  
amending s. 381.0202, F.S.; prohibiting laboratories  
from using certain operational or research software  
produced in or by a foreign country of concern, a  
state-owned enterprise of a foreign country of  
concern, or a company domiciled within a foreign  
country of concern; defining the term "foreign country  
of concern"; amending s. 408.810, F.S.; providing

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306 | certain protections for licensees who fail to obtain  
307 | assurances from a person or an entity that indirectly  
308 | owns a controlling interest in the licensee or  
309 | indirectly holds an interest in certain entities;  
310 | revising and providing definitions; providing an  
311 | effective date.

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