

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to threats from foreign nations;
3 creating part IV of ch. 692, F.S., entitled
4 "Protection of State Critical Infrastructure from
5 Foreign Entities"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; providing
6 a short title; defining terms; prohibiting specified
7 entities and governmental entities from entering into
8 specified contracts or agreements with a foreign
9 principal; prohibiting a foreign principal from
10 entering into specified contracts or agreements with
11 specified entities and governmental entities;
12 providing a criminal penalty; requiring specified
13 entities that have entered into a specified contract
14 or agreement with a foreign principal to register with
15 the Department of Commerce by a specified date;
16 requiring the department to adopt a specified
17 registration form; providing a civil penalty;
18 requiring an entity selling or transferring control of
19 specified critical infrastructure to provide an
20 affidavit to the department attesting to specified
21 information; prohibiting computer software produced or
22 manufactured by specified companies from being used in
23 critical infrastructure located within or serving this
24 state; requiring the department to adopt rules;
25 providing an effective date.

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27 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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29 **Section 1.** Part IV of chapter 692, Florida Statutes,
30 consisting of s. 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created and
31 entitled "Protection of State Critical Infrastructure from
32 Foreign Entities."

33 **Section 2. Section 692.21 Florida Statutes, is created to**
34 **read:**

35 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure from
36 foreign entities.-

37 (1) SHORT TITLE.-This section may be cited as the "Florida
38 Critical Infrastructure Protection Act."

39 (2) PURPOSE.-The purpose of this section is to protect
40 this state's critical infrastructure by prohibiting foreign
41 adversaries from accessing or controlling such critical
42 infrastructure.

43 (3) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

44 (a) "Computer software" means any information, program, or
45 routine, or any collection of information or set of one or more
46 programs or routines, used or intended to be used to convey
47 information or to cause one or more computers or pieces of
48 computer-related peripheral equipment, or any combination
49 thereof, to perform a task or set of tasks.

50 (b) "Critical infrastructure" has the same meaning as in

51 s. 692.201(2).

52 (c) "Department" means the Department of Commerce.

53 (d) "Foreign country of concern" has the same meaning as
 54 in s. 692.201(3).

55 (e) "Foreign principal" has the same meaning as in s.
 56 692.201(4).

57 (4) PROHIBITED ACCESS TO INFRASTRUCTURE.—

58 (a) An entity constructing, repairing, operating, or
 59 otherwise having significant access to critical infrastructure
 60 may not enter into a contract or other agreement relating to
 61 critical infrastructure within this state with a foreign
 62 principal if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign
 63 principal to directly or remotely access or otherwise control
 64 such critical infrastructure.

65 (b) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract or
 66 other agreement relating to critical infrastructure within this
 67 state with a foreign principal if the contract or agreement
 68 authorizes the foreign principal to directly or remotely access
 69 or otherwise control such critical infrastructure.

70 (c) A foreign principal may not enter into a contract or
 71 other agreement relating to critical infrastructure within this
 72 state with an entity constructing, repairing, operating, or
 73 otherwise having significant access to critical infrastructure,
 74 or a governmental entity, if the contract or agreement
 75 authorizes the foreign principal to directly or remotely access

76 | or otherwise control such critical infrastructure.

77 | (5) PENALTY.—A person or entity that violates subsection
78 | (4) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as
79 | provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

80 | (6) REGISTRATION.—

81 | (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, an entity constructing,
82 | repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to
83 | critical infrastructure within this state which entered into a
84 | contract or other agreement with a foreign principal relating to
85 | such critical infrastructure before July 1, 2025, must register
86 | by January 1 of each year for the remainder of the term of the
87 | contract or agreement with the foreign principal relating to
88 | such critical infrastructure. The department must adopt a
89 | registration form, which, at minimum, must include all of the
90 | following:

91 | 1. The name of the entity constructing, repairing,
92 | operating, or otherwise having significant access to critical
93 | infrastructure within this state.

94 | 2. The address of the critical infrastructure the entity
95 | is constructing, repairing, or operating or to which the entity
96 | otherwise has significant access.

97 | 3. A description of the specific terms of the contract or
98 | agreement which authorize a foreign principal to engage in
99 | constructing, repairing, or operating or to otherwise have
100 | significant access to such critical infrastructure.

101 (b) An entity that violates paragraph (a) is subject to a
 102 civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day the violation continues.

103 (7) REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT.—Before commencing any sale or
 104 other transfer of control of critical infrastructure within this
 105 state, the entity selling or otherwise transferring control of
 106 such critical infrastructure must provide an affidavit, signed
 107 under penalty of perjury, to the department attesting that the
 108 buyer or transferee is not a foreign principal.

109 (8) PROHIBITIONS ON CERTAIN COMPUTER SOFTWARE IN CRITICAL
 110 INFRASTRUCTURE.—Computer software produced or manufactured by a
 111 company headquartered in and subject to the laws of a foreign
 112 country of concern, or a company under the direction or control
 113 of a foreign country of concern, may not be used in critical
 114 infrastructure located within or serving this state.

115 (9) RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules to
 116 implement this section.

117 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.