HB 927 2025

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to public records and meetings; 3 amending s. 943.0315, F.S.; providing an exemption 4 from public record requirements for a certain report 5 on adversarial threats produced by the Chief of 6 Domestic Security; providing an exemption from public 7 record requirements for notifications provided to 8 owners and operators of critical infrastructure and 9 other assets; providing an exemption from public 10 meeting requirements for meetings of the Council on 11 Pacific Conflict in which such reports or 12 notifications are provided or discussed; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing 13 14 statements of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date. 15

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

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Section 1. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (7) of section 943.0315, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 925 or similar legislation, are amended, to read:

943.0315 Pacific Conflict Stress Test.-

- REPORT ON ADVERSARIAL THREATS TO STATE ASSETS, CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS .-
 - (c)1. No later than July 1, 2026, the Chief of Domestic

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Security shall produce a report on adversarial threats to state assets and critical infrastructure and military installations which must be available to the Governor and the members of the Council on Pacific Conflict. The report must include all of the following:

- $\underline{a.1.}$ Critical and other assets identified under paragraph (b), including the specific risks posed to each infrastructure system or asset in the event of a Pacific conflict.
- $\underline{b.2.}$ Mitigation strategies and recommendations to limit or eliminate the risk posed to the critical infrastructure, military installations, or other assets in the event of a Pacific conflict; and mitigation strategies and recommendations that limit or eliminate the risk posed to the safety and security of this state or nation in the event of a Pacific conflict.
- $\underline{\text{c.3.}}$ A risk-based list of critical infrastructure, military installations, and other assets identified under paragraph (b), the order of which must be determined by the degree to which:
- $\underline{\text{(I)}_{\text{a.}}}$ Each critical infrastructure system, military installations, or other assets is in need of protective action; and
- (II) b. The debilitation of each critical infrastructure system, military installations, or other assets would threaten the safety and security of this state and the nation.

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2. The report produced pursuant to this paragraph is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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The Chief of Domestic Security, in coordination with state agencies, shall notify owners and operators of critical infrastructure and other assets identified under paragraph (b) as having been identified as a potential target of malicious actions by adversarial nations in the event of a Pacific conflict. Such notification must ensure that owners and operators are provided the basis for the determination made under paragraph (b). Such notification is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any portion of a meeting of the Council on Pacific Conflict during which such notifications are discussed or the report produced under paragraph (c) is provided or discussed or any other information is disclosed that is confidential or exempt from public disclosure is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the report on adversarial threats to state assets and critical infrastructure, military installations, and other assets be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Such report may contain information identifying vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure, state assets, and military installations, the disclosure of which could lead to malicious acts by bad actors.

- (2) The Legislature further finds that it is a public necessity that the notifications sent to owners or operators of critical infrastructure and other assets that have been identified as a potential target of malicious actions by adversarial nations in the event of a Pacific conflict be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Such notifications may contain national or state security information that, if made publicly available, could increase the potential threats to the owners and operators of critical infrastructure or other assets.
- (3) The Legislature further finds that it is a public necessity that any portion of a meeting of the Council on Pacific Conflict during which confidential or confidential and exempt information is discussed be exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b), Article I of the State Constitution. Public discussion of vulnerabilities in critical

infrastructure, state assets, or military installations and identification of the owners and operators of such critical infrastructure would defeat the purpose of such information being protected from disclosure. The ability of the council to discuss matters of state and national security is beneficial in the formulation of policy to protect critical infrastructure, state assets, and military installations.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same day that HB 925 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.