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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to prohibited contracting with covered foreign entities; creating s. 287.139, F.S.; defining the term "covered foreign entity"; providing that a covered foreign entity is ineligible to bid or submit a proposal for a contract with an agency for certain goods or services; providing applicability; requiring an entity to certify in its bid or proposal that it is not a covered foreign entity; requiring a contracting state agency to immediately terminate its contract with an entity that submitted a false certification or that is determined to be a covered foreign entity; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 287.139, Florida Statutes, is created and incorporated into part I of chapter 287, Florida Statutes, to read:

287.139 Certain foreign entities domiciled in the People's Republic of China; state bidding prohibited.-

(1) For the purposes of this section, the term "covered foreign entity" means:

(a) An entity that designs, manufactures, assembles, or procures any goods or services needed for an office environment, including, but not limited to, the design, manufacturing, assembly, and procurement of computers, printers, or interoperable videoconferencing services; and

(b) Whose parent company, controlling interest, or

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30 substantial shareholder is domiciled in the People's Republic of
31 China and must comply with the 2015 National Security Law, the
32 2017 National Intelligence Law, or other Chinese law that
33 requires the parent company, controlling interest, or
34 substantial stakeholder to cooperate with the Chinese national
35 defense or national intelligence agencies; or

36 (c) A Chinese-domiciled company in which the government of
37 China has an ownership stake; or

38 (d) An entity or a subsidiary of a parent company included
39 in the United States Department of Homeland Security's Uyghur
40 Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List; or

41 (e) A subsidiary of an entity or an entity controlled by
42 another entity described in this subsection.

43 (2) On or after July 1, 2026, a covered foreign entity is
44 ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or
45 enter into or renew a contract, either directly or through a
46 third party, with an agency for goods, services, or the
47 procurement of computers, printers, or interoperable
48 videoconferencing services needed for an office environment.

49 (3) The prohibition described in subsection (2) applies to
50 any local agency, local government, or local entity that is a
51 recipient of state funds that may be used for the procurement,
52 purchase, or expenditure of funds for any equipment or services
53 described in subsection (2).

54 (4) An entity that submits a bid or proposal pursuant to
55 this section must certify in its bid or proposal that it is not
56 a covered foreign entity.

57 (5) If a contracting agency, local government, or local
58 entity described in subsection (3) determines that an entity has

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59 submitted a false certification or that an entity is a covered
60 foreign entity, the contracting agency, local government, or
61 local entity must immediately terminate the contract with the
62 entity.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.