



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Grall) recommended the following:

1                   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3                   Delete lines 192 - 589

4 and insert:

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

7                   (b) For any repeated willful violation, a fine of up to  
8 \$2,000 per violation.

9                   Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 112.313,  
10 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



11        112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees  
12 of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

13        (1) DEFINITIONS DEFINITION.—As used in this section, unless  
14 the context otherwise requires, the term:

15        (a) “Designated foreign terrorist organization” has the  
16 same meaning as in s. 775.32.

17        (b) “Foreign country of concern” has the same meaning as in  
18 s. 286.101(1).

19        (c) “Public officer” includes any person elected or  
20 appointed to hold office in any agency, including any person  
21 serving on an advisory body.

22        (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

23        (a) A no public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
24 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
25 may not shall solicit or accept anything of value to the  
26 recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future  
27 employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that  
28 the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer,  
29 employee, local government attorney, or candidate would be  
30 influenced thereby.

31        (b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
32 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
33 may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,  
34 including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,  
35 favor, or service, for any purpose, including, but not limited  
36 to, a gift from a designated foreign terrorist organization or  
37 any person or entity representing or acting on behalf of a  
38 foreign terrorist organization, or travel costs or any  
39 reimbursement for costs of attending a conference or other



40 event, from a foreign country of concern or any of its  
41 subdivisions, or from any person or entity representing or  
42 acting on behalf of a foreign country of concern or any of its  
43 subdivisions.

44       Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
45 112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

46       112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional  
47 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community  
48 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of  
49 independent special districts.—

50       (2)

51       (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum  
52 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which  
53 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code  
54 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. By November 1,  
55 2026, the commission shall adopt revised rules to supplement the  
56 minimum course content, including all of the following:

57       1. Known efforts by foreign countries of concern to target  
58 and influence subnational governments, including, but not  
59 limited to, the Chinese Communist Party's United Front strategy.

60       2. How to identify, recognize, and report suspected foreign  
61 influence campaigns.

62       3. Prohibitions on receiving gifts from foreign countries  
63 of concern as defined in s. 287.138 or designated foreign  
64 terrorist organizations as defined in s. 775.32.

65       Section 5. Present paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of  
66 section 287.138, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
67 (e), a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, and  
68 paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsections (2), (3), and



69 (4) of that section are amended, to read:

70 287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign sources and  
71 countries of concern prohibited.—

72 (1) As used in this section, the term:

73 (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
74 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
75 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
76 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
77 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
78 ef significant control of such foreign country of concern.

79 (d) "Foreign source of concern" has the same meaning as in  
80 s. 496.404.

81 (2) (a) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a  
82 contract with an entity in which a foreign source of concern has  
83 an ownership or controlling interest if the contract would give  
84 access to an individual's personal identifying information.

85 (b) A governmental entity may not enter into a contract for  
86 information technology as defined in s. 282.0041, or for any  
87 services related to information technology, with an entity in  
88 which a foreign source of concern has an ownership or  
89 controlling interest or through a third-party seller when the  
90 information technology is designed, manufactured, or assembled  
91 by any entity in which a foreign source of concern has an  
92 ownership or controlling interest ~~if:~~

93 (a) The entity is owned by the government of a foreign  
94 country of concern;

95 (b) The government of a foreign country of concern has a  
96 controlling interest in the entity; or

97 (c) The entity is organized under the laws of or has its



98 ~~principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.~~

99 (3) Beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025, a governmental entity may  
100 not extend or renew a contract with an entity listed in  
101 subsection (2) paragraphs (2)-(e) if the contract would give  
102 such entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
103 information.

104 (4) (a) Beginning January 1, ~~2026~~ 2024, a governmental  
105 entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to,  
106 or enter into, a contract with an entity which would grant the  
107 entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
108 information or involve information technology unless the entity  
109 provides the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an  
110 officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury  
111 attesting that the entity does not meet any of the criteria in  
112 subsection (2) paragraphs (2)-(e).

113 (b) Beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025, when an entity extends or  
114 renews a contract with a governmental entity which would grant  
115 the entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
116 information, the entity must provide the governmental entity  
117 with an affidavit signed by an officer or a representative of  
118 the entity under penalty of perjury attesting that the entity  
119 does not meet any of the criteria in subsection (2) paragraphs  
120 (2)-(e).

121 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
122 288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is  
123 added to that section, to read:

124 288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

125 (3) The state protocol officer may:

126 (a) Coordinate and carry out activities designed to



127 encourage the state and its subdivisions to participate in  
128 sister city and sister state affiliations with foreign countries  
129 and their subdivisions. Such activities may include a State of  
130 Florida sister cities conference. Such activities may not  
131 include encouragement of any affiliations with foreign countries  
132 of concern as defined in s. 288.860 or their subdivisions.

133 (7) The department shall publish on its website, to be  
134 updated quarterly, the following information:

135 (a) A current and accurate list of all foreign consulate  
136 offices.

137 (b) A current and accurate list of all sister city and  
138 sister state affiliations, including a copy of all such  
139 agreements.

140 Section 7. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section  
141 288.8175, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection  
142 (7) is added to that section, to read:

143 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary  
144 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

145 (3) Each institute must be co-administered in this state by  
146 a university-community college partnership, ~~as designated in~~  
147 ~~subsection (5),~~ and must have a private sector and public sector  
148 advisory committee. The advisory committee must be  
149 representative of the international education and commercial  
150 interests of the state and may have members who are native to  
151 the foreign country partner. Six members must be appointed by  
152 the Department of Education. The Department of Education must  
153 appoint at least one member who is an international educator.  
154 The presidents, or their designees, of the participating  
155 university and community college must also serve on the advisory



156 committee.

157 (4) The institutes are:

158 (a) Florida-Brazil Institute (University of Florida and  
159 Miami Dade College).

160 (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University  
161 and Valencia College).

162 (c) Florida Caribbean Institute (Florida International  
163 University and Daytona State College).

164 (d) Florida-Canada Institute (University of Central Florida  
165 and Palm Beach State College).

166 ~~(e) Florida-China Institute (University of West Florida,  
167 University of South Florida, and Eastern Florida State College).~~

168 ~~(e)~~ (f) Florida-Japan Institute (University of South  
169 Florida, University of West Florida, and St. Petersburg  
170 College).

171 ~~(f)~~ (g) Florida-France Institute (New College of the  
172 University of South Florida, Miami Dade College, and Florida  
173 State University).

174 ~~(g)~~ (h) Florida-Israel Institute (Florida Atlantic  
175 University and Broward College).

176 ~~(h)~~ (i) Florida-West Africa Institute (Florida Agricultural  
177 and Mechanical University, University of North Florida, and  
178 Florida State College at Jacksonville).

179 ~~(i)~~ (j) Florida-Eastern Europe Institute (University of  
180 Central Florida and Lake-Sumter State College).

181 ~~(j)~~ (k) Florida-Mexico Institute (Florida International  
182 University and Polk State College).

183 ~~(5) Each institute is allowed to exempt from s. 1009.21 up  
184 to 25 full-time equivalent students per year from the respective~~



185 ~~host countries to study in any of the state universities or~~  
186 ~~community colleges in this state as resident students for~~  
187 ~~tuition purposes. The institute directors shall develop~~  
188 ~~criteria, to be approved by the Department of Education, for the~~  
189 ~~selection of these students. Students must return home within 3~~  
190 ~~years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate study for~~  
191 ~~a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

192 (7) A linkage institute may not enter into any agreement or  
193 participate in any activities with a foreign country of concern  
194 as defined in s. 288.860 or any organization in a foreign  
195 country of concern.

196 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 288.860, Florida  
197 Statutes, is amended to read:

198 288.860 International cultural agreements.—

199 (2) (a) A state agency, political subdivision, or public  
200 school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad  
201 valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or  
202 accept any grant from a foreign country of concern or its  
203 subdivisions, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of  
204 concern.

205 (b) All agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not  
206 limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,  
207 2026., which:

208 ~~(a) Constrains the freedom of contract of such public~~  
209 ~~entity;~~

210 ~~(b) Allows the curriculum or values of a program in the~~  
211 ~~state to be directed or controlled by the foreign country of~~  
212 ~~concern; or~~

213 ~~(c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or~~



214 security of the United States or its residents. Before the  
215 execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign  
216 country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be  
217 shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national  
218 security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other  
219 restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides  
220 information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda  
221 detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or  
222 its residents, the public entity may not enter into the  
223 agreement.

224 Section 9. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (14) of  
225 section 496.404, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph  
226 (g) is added to that subsection, to read:

227 496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the  
228 term:

229 (14) "Foreign source of concern" means any of the  
230 following:

231 (e) An agent, including a subsidiary or an affiliate of a  
232 foreign legal entity, acting on behalf of a foreign source of  
233 concern; or

234 (f) An entity in which a person, entity, or collection of  
235 persons or entities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) has a  
236 controlling interest. As used in this paragraph, the term  
237 "controlling interest" means the possession of the power to  
238 direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of  
239 an entity, whether through ownership of securities, by contract,  
240 or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly  
241 has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest  
242 of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its



243 profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest; or  
244 (g) A designated foreign terrorist organization as defined  
245 in s. 775.32 or an agent acting on behalf of a designated  
246 foreign terrorist organization.

247 Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 692.201, Florida  
248 Statutes, is amended to read:

249 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

250 (3) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
251 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
252 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
253 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
254 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
255 or significant control of such foreign country of concern.

256 Section 11. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created to  
257 read:

258 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure  
259 facilities from a foreign source of concern.—

260 (1) As used in this section, the term:

261 (a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
262 112.312.

263 (b) "Foreign source of concern" has the same meaning as in  
264 s. 496.404.

265 (c) "Governmental entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
266 287.138.

267 (2) (a) A governmental entity or a business entity  
268 constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having  
269 significant access to a critical infrastructure facility may not  
270 enter into a contract or other agreement relating to a critical  
271 infrastructure facility in this state with a foreign source of



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concern if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign source of concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise control such critical infrastructure facility.

(b) A foreign source of concern may not enter into a contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure facilities in this state with a business entity constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to critical infrastructure facilities, or a governmental entity, if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign source of concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise control such critical infrastructure facility.

(3) (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, a business entity constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to a critical infrastructure facility in this state which entered into a contract or other agreement before July 1, 2026, with a foreign source of concern relating to such critical infrastructure facility must register with the Department of Commerce by January 1 of each year for the remainder of the term of the contract or agreement with the foreign source of concern relating to such critical infrastructure facility. The Department of Commerce shall adopt a registration form that includes all of the following:

1. The name of the business entity constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to critical infrastructure facilities in this state.

2. The address of the critical infrastructure facility the business entity is constructing, repairing, or operating or to which the business entity otherwise has significant access.

3. A description of the specific terms of the contract or



301 agreement which authorizes a foreign source of concern to engage  
302 in constructing, repairing, or operating or to otherwise have  
303 significant access to such critical infrastructure facility.

304 (b) A business entity that violates paragraph (a):

305 1. Is subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 for each day the  
306 violation continues.

307 2. Commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable  
308 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

309 (4) Before commencing any sale or other transfer of control  
310 of a critical infrastructure facility in this state, the  
311 business entity selling or otherwise transferring control of  
312 such critical infrastructure facility must provide an affidavit,  
313 signed under penalty of perjury, to the Department of Commerce  
314 attesting that the buyer or transferee is not a foreign source  
315 of concern.

316 (5) Information technology as defined in s. 282.0041  
317 produced or manufactured by a foreign source of concern or a  
318 company under the direction or control of a foreign source of  
319 concern may not be used in a critical infrastructure facility  
320 located in or serving this state.

321 (6) The Department of Commerce shall adopt rules to  
322 implement this section.

323 Section 12. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is created  
324 to read:

325 775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—

326 (1) As used in this section, the term:

327 (a) "Agent of a foreign government or designated foreign  
328 terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or  
329 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or a



330 designated foreign terrorist organization.

331       (b) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
332       same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.

333       (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as provided  
334       in s. 286.101.

335       (2) The penalty for any misdemeanor or felony may be  
336       reclassified if the commission of such misdemeanor or felony was  
337       for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the  
338       interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
339       terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
340       designated foreign terrorist organization. The reclassification  
341       is as follows:

342       (a) A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to a  
343       misdemeanor of the first degree.

344       (b) A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified to a  
345       felony of the third degree.

346       (c) A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a  
347       felony of the second degree.

348       (d) A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a  
349       felony of the first degree.

350       (e) A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life  
351       felony.

352       (3) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, a  
353       person convicted of a felony of the first degree or a life  
354       felony under this section shall be sentenced to a minimum term  
355       of imprisonment of 15 years.

356       Section 13. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created to  
357       read:

358       775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.—



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359        (1) As used in this section, the term:  
360        (a) "Agent of a foreign government or designated foreign  
361 terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or  
362 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or a  
363 designated foreign terrorist organization.  
364        (b) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
365 same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.  
366        (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.  
367 286.101.  
368        (2) Without the approval of this state or the United  
369 States, a person may not:  
370        (a) Prevent another person in this state from violating the  
371 laws of a foreign government which are not also the laws of this  
372 state or the United States; or  
373        (b) Investigate, monitor, or surveil another person in this  
374 state for the purpose of preventing the other person from  
375 violating the laws of a foreign government that are not also the  
376 laws of this state or the United States.  
377        (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of  
378 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
379 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this  
380 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering  
381 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
382 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
383 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of  
384 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
385 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
386        Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida  
387 Statutes, is amended to read:



388        316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of  
389 vendors of foreign countries of concern.-

390        (1) As used in this section, the term: terms

391        (a) "Controlling interest" has the same meaning as in s.

392 287.138. and

393        (b) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
394 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
395 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
396 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
397 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under

398 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

400 And the title is amended as follows:

401        Delete lines 21 - 60

402 and insert:

403        revising the definition of the term "foreign country  
404 of concern"; defining the term "foreign source of  
405 concern"; prohibiting a governmental entity from  
406 entering into certain contracts with certain entities  
407 owned or partially owned by foreign sources of concern  
408 or affiliated with a foreign country of concern;  
409 prohibiting governmental entities from extending and  
410 renewing certain contracts beginning on a specified  
411 date; prohibiting governmental entities from accepting  
412 a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering  
413 into, contracts involving information technology or  
414 providing access to an individual's personal  
415 identifying information unless a certain affidavit  
416 signed by an officer or representative is provided to



417 the governmental entity; amending s. 288.816, F.S.;  
418 prohibiting certain activities encouraging  
419 affiliations with foreign countries of concern;  
420 requiring the Department of Commerce to publish and  
421 update certain information on its website; amending s.  
422 288.8175, F.S.; deleting the Florida-China Institute  
423 from the list of linkage institutes; deleting an  
424 exemption for linkage institutes; prohibiting a  
425 linkage institute from entering into an agreement or  
426 participating in an activity with a foreign country of  
427 concern; amending s. 288.860, F.S.; requiring that  
428 certain agreements be terminated by a specified date;  
429 amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the definition of  
430 the term "foreign source of concern"; amending s.  
431 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
432 "foreign country of concern"; creating s. 692.21,  
433 F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting governmental  
434 entities and business entities with access to critical  
435 infrastructure facilities from entering into certain  
436 contracts with foreign sources of concern; requiring  
437 business entities to register with the department by a  
438 specified date; requiring the department to adopt  
439 registration forms; providing requirements for such  
440 forms; providing civil and criminal penalties;  
441 requiring certain business entities to provide a  
442 signed affidavit to the department attesting that the  
443 buyer or transferee of a critical infrastructure  
444 facility is not a foreign source of concern;  
445 prohibiting information technology from a foreign



446        source of concern from being used in critical  
447        infrastructure facilities; requiring the department to  
448        adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; defining  
449        terms; providing for the reclassification of criminal  
450        penalties under certain circumstances; providing a  
451        mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; creating s.  
452        775.36, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting enforcement  
453        of certain laws of a foreign government; providing  
454        criminal penalties; amending s. 316.0078,