

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators Grall and Avila

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to foreign influence; providing a short title; creating s. 106.031, F.S.; defining terms; requiring agents of foreign countries of concern and foreign-supported political organizations to register with the Division of Elections; providing registration requirements; requiring periodic updates by such agents and organizations; requiring foreign-supported political organizations to register with the division on a specified form created by the division within a specified timeframe; providing requirements for such forms; providing penalties; amending s. 112.313, F.S.; defining the terms "designated foreign terrorist organization" and "foreign country of concern"; prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a designated foreign terrorist organization or a foreign country of concern; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring the Commission on Ethics to adopt certain rules by a specified date; amending s. 287.138, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign country of concern"; defining the term "foreign source of concern"; prohibiting a governmental entity from entering into certain contracts with certain entities owned or partially owned by foreign sources of concern or affiliated with a foreign country of concern; prohibiting governmental entities from extending and renewing certain contracts beginning on a specified date; prohibiting governmental entities from accepting

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a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering into, contracts involving information technology or providing access to an individual's personal identifying information unless a certain affidavit signed by an officer or representative is provided to the governmental entity; amending s. 288.816, F.S.; prohibiting certain activities encouraging affiliations with foreign countries of concern; requiring the Department of Commerce to publish and update certain information on its website; amending s. 288.8175, F.S.; deleting the Florida-China Institute from the list of linkage institutes; deleting an exemption for linkage institutes; prohibiting a linkage institute from entering into an agreement or participating in an activity with a foreign country of concern; amending s. 288.860, F.S.; requiring that certain agreements be terminated by a specified date; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign source of concern"; amending s. 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign country of concern"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting governmental entities and business entities with access to critical infrastructure facilities from entering into certain contracts with foreign sources of concern; requiring business entities to register with the department by a specified date; requiring the department to adopt registration forms; providing requirements for such forms; providing civil and criminal penalties;

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requiring certain business entities to provide a signed affidavit to the department attesting that the buyer or transferee of a critical infrastructure facility is not a foreign source of concern; prohibiting information technology from a foreign source of concern from being used in critical infrastructure facilities; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; defining terms; providing for the reclassification of criminal penalties under certain circumstances; providing a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; creating s. 775.36, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting enforcement of certain laws of a foreign government; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 316.0078, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Foreign Interference Restriction and Enforcement Act."

Section 2. Section 106.031, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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

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

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

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

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88       1. Who acts as an agent, an employee, a representative, or  
89 a servant, or who otherwise acts at the order, at the request,  
90 or under the direction or control, of a foreign country of  
91 concern;

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

94       3. Who engages in political activity.

95       (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
96 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
97 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
98 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, the State of  
99 Qatar, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or  
100 any other entity under significant control of such foreign  
101 country of concern.

102       (d) "Foreign-supported political organization" means a  
103 political party or a domestic partnership, an association, a  
104 corporation, an organization, or any other business entity that  
105 engages in political activity within this state and that:

106       1. Has its principal place of business in a foreign country  
107 of concern; or

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

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

115       (f) "Political activity" means an activity that is  
116 performed to:

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117       1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local  
118 governmental entity;

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

121       3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

122       4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

123       5. Support or oppose any issue.

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

128       (b) The division shall create a form for the registration  
129 required under paragraph (a). Such form must require, at a  
130 minimum, all of the following information:

131       1. The registrant's name.

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

134       3. The name and address of the registrant's principal place  
135 of business.

136       4. A detailed statement describing the nature of the  
137 registrant's business.

138       5. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom the  
139 registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or has  
140 agreed to act.

141       6. A detailed statement describing the nature of the work  
142 and the character of the business or other activities of each  
143 foreign country of concern identified in subparagraph 5.

144       7. A statement detailing each time the registrant received  
145 a payment from a foreign country of concern identified in

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subparagraph 5. within the previous 90 days. The statement must identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such payment.

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

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

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

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

b. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant, or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is performing, has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of such person; and

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

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

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175       12. A detailed statement of all payments relating to  
176 political activity made by the registrant during the previous 90  
177 days.

178       (c) A registrant must update the information required under  
179 paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

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

183       (3)(a) On or before January 1, 2027, each foreign-supported  
184 political organization must register with the division.

185       (b) The division shall create a form for the registration  
186 required under paragraph (a). The form must require, at minimum,  
187 all of the following information:

188           1. The organization's name and mailing address and the  
189 address of any physical office.

190           2. The names, titles, and addresses of all officers or  
191 directors of the organization.

192           3. A detailed statement of all payments made by the  
193 organization that would constitute political activity during the  
194 previous calendar year.

195           4. A detailed statement of all payments made to, or  
196 received by, the organization from a foreign country of concern  
197 or an agent of a foreign country of concern during the previous  
198 calendar year.

199       (c) An organization must update the information required  
200 under paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

201       (4) Upon finding a violation of this section, in addition  
202 to the remedies provided in ss. 106.265 and 106.27, the Florida  
203 Elections Commission may assess the following penalties:

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

206       (b) For any repeated willful violation, a fine of up to  
207 \$2,000 per violation.

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

210       112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers, employees  
211 of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

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

214       (a) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
215 same meaning as in s. 775.32.

216       (b) "Foreign country of concern" has the same meaning as in  
217 s. 286.101(1).

218       (c) "Public officer" includes any person elected or  
219 appointed to hold office in any agency, including any person  
220 serving on an advisory body.

221       (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

222       (a) A ~~no~~ public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
223 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
224 may not ~~shall~~ solicit or accept anything of value to the  
225 recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future  
226 employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that  
227 the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer,  
228 employee, local government attorney, or candidate would be  
229 influenced thereby.

230       (b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
231 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
232 may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,



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including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, a gift from a designated foreign terrorist organization or any person or entity representing or acting on behalf of a foreign terrorist organization, or travel costs or any reimbursement for costs of attending a conference or other event, from a foreign country of concern or any of its subdivisions, or from any person or entity representing or acting on behalf of a foreign country of concern or any of its subdivisions.

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

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

(2)

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

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

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

3. Prohibitions on receiving gifts from foreign countries

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of concern as defined in s. 287.138 or designated foreign  
terrorist organizations as defined in s. 775.32.

Section 5. Present paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of  
section 287.138, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
(e), a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, and  
paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsections (2), (3), and  
(4) of that section are amended, to read:

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

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

(c) "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 or any other entity under  
~~of~~ significant control of such foreign country of concern.

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

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

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

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ownership or controlling interest if:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

(3) The state protocol officer may:

(a) Coordinate and carry out activities designed to encourage the state and its subdivisions to participate in sister city and sister state affiliations with foreign countries and their subdivisions. Such activities may include a State of Florida sister cities conference. Such activities may not include encouragement of any affiliations with foreign countries of concern as defined in s. 288.860 or their subdivisions.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Each institute must be co-administered in this state by a university-community college partnership, ~~as designated in subsection (5),~~ and must have a private sector and public sector advisory committee. The advisory committee must be representative of the international education and commercial

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interests of the state and may have members who are native to the foreign country partner. Six members must be appointed by the Department of Education. The Department of Education must appoint at least one member who is an international educator. The presidents, or their designees, of the participating university and community college must also serve on the advisory committee.

(4) The institutes are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(5) Each institute is allowed to exempt from s. 1009.21 up to 25 full-time equivalent students per year from the respective host countries to study in any of the state universities or community colleges in this state as resident students for tuition purposes. The institute directors shall develop criteria, to be approved by the Department of Education, for the selection of these students. Students must return home within 3 years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate study for a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

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

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

288.860 International cultural agreements.—

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

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

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

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

~~(c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents. Before the execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents, the public entity may not enter into the agreement.~~

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

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

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

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

(f) An entity in which a person, entity, or collection of persons or entities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) has a controlling interest. As used in this paragraph, the term

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“controlling interest” means the possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of an entity, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest; or

(g) A designated foreign terrorist organization as defined in s. 775.32 or an agent acting on behalf of a designated foreign terrorist organization.

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

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

(3) “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 or any other entity under ~~of~~ significant control of such foreign country of concern.

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

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

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

(a) “Business entity” has the same meaning as in s. 112.312.

(b) “Foreign source of concern” has the same meaning as in s. 496.404.

(c) “Governmental entity” has the same meaning as in s.



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

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

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

493 1. The name of the business entity constructing, repairing,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 12. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is created

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to read:

775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, a

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552 person convicted of a felony of the first degree or a life  
553 felony under this section shall be sentenced to a minimum term  
554 of imprisonment of 15 years.

555 Section 13. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created to  
556 read:

557 775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.—

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

559 (a) "Agent of a foreign government or designated foreign  
560 terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or  
561 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or a  
562 designated foreign terrorist organization.

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

565 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.  
566 286.101.

567 (2) Without the approval of this state or the United  
568 States, a person may not:

569 (a) Prevent another person in this state from violating the  
570 laws of a foreign government which are not also the laws of this  
571 state or the United States; or

572 (b) Investigate, monitor, or surveil another person in this  
573 state for the purpose of preventing the other person from  
574 violating the laws of a foreign government that are not also the  
575 laws of this state or the United States.

576 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of  
577 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
578 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this  
579 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering  
580 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign

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terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of  
the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of  
vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

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

(b) "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 or any other entity under  
significant control of such foreign country of concern ~~have the~~  
~~same meanings as in s. 287.138(1).~~

Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.