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30 a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering  
31 into, contracts involving information technology or  
32 providing access to an individual's personal  
33 identifying information unless a certain affidavit  
34 signed by an officer or representative is provided to  
35 the governmental entity; amending s. 288.816, F.S.;  
36 prohibiting certain activities encouraging  
37 affiliations with foreign countries of concern;  
38 requiring the Department of Commerce to publish and  
39 update certain information on its website; amending s.  
40 288.8175, F.S.; deleting the Florida-China Institute  
41 from the list of linkage institutes; deleting an  
42 exemption for linkage institutes; prohibiting a  
43 linkage institute from entering into an agreement or  
44 participating in an activity with a foreign country of  
45 concern; amending s. 288.860, F.S.; requiring that  
46 certain agreements be terminated by a specified date;  
47 amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the definition of  
48 the term "foreign source of concern"; amending s.  
49 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
50 "foreign country of concern"; creating s. 692.21,  
51 F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting governmental  
52 entities and business entities with access to critical  
53 infrastructure facilities from entering into certain  
54 contracts with foreign sources of concern; requiring  
55 business entities to register with the department by a  
56 specified date; requiring the department to adopt  
57 registration forms; providing requirements for such  
58 forms; providing civil and criminal penalties;

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59       requiring certain business entities to provide a  
60       signed affidavit to the department attesting that the  
61       buyer or transferee of a critical infrastructure  
62       facility is not a foreign source of concern;  
63       prohibiting information technology from a foreign  
64       source of concern from being used in critical  
65       infrastructure facilities; requiring the department to  
66       adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; defining  
67       terms; providing for the reclassification of criminal  
68       penalties under certain circumstances; providing a  
69       mandatory minimum term of imprisonment; creating s.  
70       775.36, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting enforcement  
71       of certain laws of a foreign government; providing  
72       criminal penalties; amending s. 316.0078, F.S.;  
73       conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
74       providing an effective date.

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

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

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

82       106.031 Registration of agents and organizations associated  
83       with foreign nations.-

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

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

87       (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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146 subparagraph 5. within the previous 90 days. The statement must  
147 identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such  
148 payment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

170 11. A detailed statement of the payments made by the  
171 registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with  
172 actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or  
173 in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a  
174 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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233 including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,  
234 favor, or service, for any purpose, including, but not limited  
235 to, a gift from a designated foreign terrorist organization or  
236 any person or entity representing or acting on behalf of a  
237 foreign terrorist organization, or travel costs or any  
238 reimbursement for costs of attending a conference or other  
239 event, from a foreign country of concern or any of its  
240 subdivisions, or from any person or entity representing or  
241 acting on behalf of a foreign country of concern or any of its  
242 subdivisions.

243       Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
244 112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

245       112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional  
246 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community  
247 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of  
248 independent special districts.—

249       (2)

250       (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum  
251 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which  
252 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code  
253 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. By November 1,  
254 2026, the commission shall adopt revised rules to supplement the  
255 minimum course content, including all of the following:

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

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

261       3. Prohibitions on receiving gifts from foreign countries

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

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

269       287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign sources and  
270 countries of concern prohibited.—

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

272       (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
273 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
274 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
275 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
276 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
277 or significant control of such foreign country of concern.

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

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

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

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291       ownership or controlling interest if:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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320       Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
321 288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is  
322 added to that section, to read:

323       288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

324       (3) The state protocol officer may:

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

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

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

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

339       Section 7. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section  
340 288.8175, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection  
341 (7) is added to that section, to read:

342       288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary  
343 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

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

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

356 (4) The institutes are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

397        288.860 International cultural agreements.—

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

404        (b) All agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not  
405        limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,  
406        2026., which:

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407       (a) Constrains the freedom of contract of such public  
408 entity;  
409       (b) Allows the curriculum or values of a program in the  
410 state to be directed or controlled by the foreign country of  
411 concern; or  
412       (c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or  
413 security of the United States or its residents. Before the  
414 execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign  
415 country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be  
416 shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national  
417 security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other  
418 restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides  
419 information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda  
420 detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or  
421 its residents, the public entity may not enter into the  
422 agreement.

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

426       496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the  
427 term:

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

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

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

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

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

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

448 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

449 (3) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
450 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
451 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
452 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
453 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
454 or significant control of such foreign country of concern.

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

457 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure  
458 facilities from a foreign source of concern.—

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

460 (a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
461 112.312.

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

464 (c) "Governmental entity" has the same meaning as in s.

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465 287.138.

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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494 operating, or otherwise having significant access to critical  
495 infrastructure facilities in this state.

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

499 3. A description of the specific terms of the contract or  
500 agreement which authorizes a foreign source of concern to engage  
501 in constructing, repairing, or operating or to otherwise have  
502 significant access to such critical infrastructure facility.

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

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

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

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

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

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

522 Section 12. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is created

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523 to read:

524 775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—525 (1) As used in this section, the term:526 (a) "Agent of a foreign government or designated foreign  
527 terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or  
528 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or a  
529 designated foreign terrorist organization.530 (b) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
531 same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.532 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as provided  
533 in s. 286.101.534 (2) The penalty for any misdemeanor or felony may be  
535 reclassified if the commission of such misdemeanor or felony was  
536 for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the  
537 interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
538 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
539 designated foreign terrorist organization. The reclassification  
540 is as follows:541 (a) A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to a  
542 misdemeanor of the first degree.543 (b) A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified to a  
544 felony of the third degree.545 (c) A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a  
546 felony of the second degree.547 (d) A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a  
548 felony of the first degree.549 (e) A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life  
550 felony.551 (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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581 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
582 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of  
583 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
584 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

587 316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of  
588 vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

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

591 287.138. and

592 (b) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
593 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
594 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
595 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
596 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
597 significant control of such foreign country of concern have the  
598 same meanings as in s. 287.138(1).

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