

**By** the Committees on Appropriations; and Ethics and Elections;  
and Senators Grall and Avila

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to foreign influence; providing a  
3           short title; amending s. 11.045, F.S.; requiring  
4           lobbyists to disclose on registration forms whether  
5           each principal represented is a foreign country of  
6           concern or an entity organized under or having its  
7           principal place of business in a foreign country of  
8           concern; defining the term "foreign country of  
9           concern"; amending s. 63.213, F.S.; prohibiting  
10          preplanned adoption agreements unless certain  
11          conditions are met; amending s. 112.313, F.S.;  
12          defining the terms "designated foreign terrorist  
13          organization" and "foreign country of concern";  
14          prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or  
15          accepting anything of value from a designated foreign  
16          terrorist organization, a foreign country of concern,  
17          or persons or entities representing such organizations  
18          or countries; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring  
19          the Commission on Ethics to adopt certain rules by a  
20          specified date; amending ss. 112.3215 and 112.3261,  
21          F.S.; requiring lobbyists to disclose on registration  
22          forms whether each principal represented is a foreign  
23          country of concern or an entity organized under or  
24          having its principal place of business in a foreign  
25          country of concern; defining the term "foreign country  
26          of concern"; amending s. 205.0532, F.S.; authorizing  
27          any appropriate tax collector to revoke or refuse to  
28          renew business tax receipts of specified individuals,  
29          businesses, or entities; authorizing such tax

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30 collector or a local governing authority to request a  
31 specified sworn affidavit or declaration from such  
32 individual, business, or entity; providing criminal  
33 penalties; amending s. 287.138, F.S.; revising  
34 definitions and defining terms; prohibiting a  
35 governmental entity from knowingly entering into  
36 certain contracts with foreign sources of concern;  
37 prohibiting governmental entities from extending and  
38 renewing certain contracts beginning on a specified  
39 date; prohibiting governmental entities from accepting  
40 a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering  
41 into, contracts involving information technology or  
42 providing access to an individual's personal  
43 identifying information unless a certain affidavit  
44 signed by an officer or a representative is provided  
45 to the governmental entity beginning on a specified  
46 date; authorizing a governmental entity to enter into,  
47 extend, or renew certain contracts if the Department  
48 of Management Services makes specified written  
49 determinations; requiring the department to submit to  
50 the Governor and Legislature specified written reports  
51 beginning on a specified date; providing  
52 applicability; authorizing the department to create a  
53 specified list and to adopt rules; amending s.  
54 288.816, F.S.; prohibiting certain activities  
55 encouraging affiliations with foreign countries of  
56 concern; requiring the Department of Commerce to  
57 publish and update certain information on its website;  
58 amending s. 288.8175, F.S.; removing the Florida-China

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59 Institute from the list of linkage institutes;  
60 deleting an exemption for linkage institutes;  
61 prohibiting a linkage institute from entering into an  
62 agreement or participating in an activity with a  
63 foreign country of concern; amending s. 288.854, F.S.;  
64 authorizing the Governor to suspend certain laws or  
65 rules relating to Cuba for a specified period under  
66 certain circumstances; prohibiting such suspension  
67 from being renewed or extended; prohibiting the  
68 Governor from suspending the same laws or rules  
69 without express authorization from the Legislature;  
70 requiring the Governor to submit to the Legislature  
71 certain written recommendations within a specified  
72 timeframe; providing for future legislative repeal of  
73 certain provisions; amending s. 288.860, F.S.;  
74 requiring that certain agreements be terminated by a  
75 specified date; amending s. 316.0078, F.S.; revising  
76 the definitions of the terms "controlling interest"  
77 and "foreign country of concern"; amending s. 496.404,  
78 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign  
79 source of concern"; amending s. 692.201, F.S.;  
80 revising the definition of the term "foreign country  
81 of concern"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; defining terms;  
82 prohibiting certain entities with access to critical  
83 infrastructure facilities from entering into certain  
84 contracts or agreements with foreign sources of  
85 concern; requiring, beginning on a specified date,  
86 certain entities to register with the Department of  
87 Commerce by a specified date for a specified

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88           timeframe; requiring the department to adopt  
89           registration forms; providing requirements for such  
90           forms; providing civil and criminal penalties;  
91           requiring certain entities to provide a signed  
92           affidavit to the department attesting that the buyer  
93           or transferee of a critical infrastructure facility is  
94           not a foreign source of concern; prohibiting  
95           information technology from a foreign source of  
96           concern from being used in critical infrastructure  
97           facilities; authorizing a governmental entity or  
98           business entity to enter into certain contracts or  
99           agreements if the department, in consultation with the  
100          Department of Management Services, makes specified  
101          written determinations; requiring the Department of  
102          Commerce to submit to the Governor and Legislature  
103          specified written reports beginning on a specified  
104          date; providing applicability; requiring the  
105          department to adopt rules; amending s. 742.15, F.S.;  
106          prohibiting contracts for gestational surrogacy unless  
107          certain conditions are met; creating s. 775.08255,  
108          F.S.; defining terms; providing for the  
109          reclassification of criminal penalties under certain  
110          circumstances; providing a minimum mandatory term of  
111          imprisonment; creating s. 775.36, F.S.; defining  
112          terms; prohibiting enforcement of certain laws of a  
113          foreign government; providing criminal penalties;  
114          amending s. 282.802, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
115          reference; providing an effective date.

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

118  
119 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Foreign  
120 Interference Restriction and Enforcement Act."

121 Section 2. Present paragraphs (c) through (g) of subsection  
122 (2) of section 11.045, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
123 paragraphs (d) through (h), respectively, and a new paragraph  
124 (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

125 11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration and  
126 reporting; exemptions; penalties.—

127 (2) Each house of the Legislature shall provide by rule, or  
128 may provide by a joint rule adopted by both houses, for the  
129 registration of lobbyists who lobby the Legislature. The rule  
130 may provide for the payment of a registration fee. The rule may  
131 provide for exemptions from registration or registration fees.  
132 The rule shall provide that:

133 (c)1. Registration must include whether each principal  
134 represented is:

135 a. A foreign country of concern; or

136 b. A domestic partnership, an association, a corporation,  
137 an organization, or any other business entity that is at least  
138 25 percent beneficially owned by a foreign country of concern, a  
139 nonresident alien from a foreign country of concern, or an  
140 entity organized under the laws of or having its principal place  
141 of business in a foreign country of concern.

142 2. As used in this paragraph, the term "foreign country of  
143 concern" has the same meaning as in s. 286.101(1).

144 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 63.213, Florida  
145 Statutes, is amended to read:

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146 63.213 Preplanned adoption agreement.—

147 (2) (a) A preplanned adoption agreement is prohibited unless  
148 all of the following apply:

149 1. The volunteer mother is a United States citizen or  
150 lawful permanent resident.

151 2. Each intended parent is a United States citizen or  
152 lawful permanent resident and at least one intended parent is  
153 domiciled in Florida.

154 (b) A preplanned adoption agreement must include, but need  
155 not be limited to, the following terms:

156 1. ~~(a)~~ That the volunteer mother agrees to become pregnant  
157 by the fertility technique specified in the agreement, to bear  
158 the child, and to terminate any parental rights and  
159 responsibilities to the child she might have through a written  
160 consent executed at the same time as the preplanned adoption  
161 agreement, subject to a right of rescission by the volunteer  
162 mother any time within 48 hours after the birth of the child, if  
163 the volunteer mother is genetically related to the child.

164 2. ~~(b)~~ That the volunteer mother agrees to submit to  
165 reasonable medical evaluation and treatment and to adhere to  
166 reasonable medical instructions about her prenatal health.

167 3. ~~(c)~~ That the volunteer mother acknowledges that she is  
168 aware that she will assume parental rights and responsibilities  
169 for the child born to her as otherwise provided by law for a  
170 mother if the intended father and intended mother terminate the  
171 agreement before final transfer of custody is completed, if a  
172 court determines that a parent clearly specified by the  
173 preplanned adoption agreement to be the biological parent is not  
174 the biological parent, or if the preplanned adoption is not

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175 approved by the court pursuant to the Florida Adoption Act.

176 4.~~(d)~~ That an intended father who is also the biological  
177 father acknowledges that he is aware that he will assume  
178 parental rights and responsibilities for the child as otherwise  
179 provided by law for a father if the agreement is terminated for  
180 any reason by any party before final transfer of custody is  
181 completed or if the planned adoption is not approved by the  
182 court pursuant to the Florida Adoption Act.

183 5.~~(e)~~ That the intended father and intended mother  
184 acknowledge that they may not receive custody or the parental  
185 rights under the agreement if the volunteer mother terminates  
186 the agreement or if the volunteer mother rescinds her consent to  
187 place her child for adoption within 48 hours after the birth of  
188 the child, if the volunteer mother is genetically related to the  
189 child.

190 6.~~(f)~~ That the intended father and intended mother may  
191 agree to pay all reasonable legal, medical, psychological, or  
192 psychiatric expenses of the volunteer mother related to the  
193 preplanned adoption arrangement and may agree to pay the  
194 reasonable living expenses and wages lost due to the pregnancy  
195 and birth of the volunteer mother and reasonable compensation  
196 for inconvenience, discomfort, and medical risk. No other  
197 compensation, whether in cash or in kind, shall be made pursuant  
198 to a preplanned adoption arrangement.

199 7.~~(g)~~ That the intended father and intended mother agree to  
200 accept custody of and to assert full parental rights and  
201 responsibilities for the child immediately upon the child's  
202 birth, regardless of any impairment to the child.

203 8.~~(h)~~ That the intended father and intended mother shall

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204 have the right to specify the blood and tissue typing tests to  
205 be performed if the agreement specifies that at least one of  
206 them is intended to be the biological parent of the child.

207 9.~~(i)~~ That the agreement may be terminated at any time by  
208 any of the parties.

209 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 112.313,  
210 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

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

215 (a) “Designated foreign terrorist organization” has the  
216 same meaning as in s. 775.32(1).

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

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

222 (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

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

231 (b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
232 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election

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233 may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,  
234 including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,  
235 favor, or service, for any purpose, from a designated foreign  
236 terrorist organization, a foreign country of concern or any of  
237 its subdivisions, or any person or entity representing or acting  
238 on behalf of a designated foreign terrorist organization or  
239 foreign country of concern or any of its subdivisions.

240 Section 5. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
241 112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

242 112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional  
243 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community  
244 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of  
245 independent special districts.—

246 (2)

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

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

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

259 3. Prohibitions on receiving gifts from foreign countries  
260 of concern as defined in s. 286.101(1) or designated foreign  
261 terrorist organizations as defined in s. 775.32(1).

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262 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 112.3215, Florida  
263 Statutes, is amended to read:

264 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the  
265 Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting;  
266 investigation by commission.—

267 (3) A person may not lobby an agency until such person has  
268 registered as a lobbyist with the commission. Such registration  
269 shall be due upon initially being retained to lobby and is  
270 renewable on a calendar year basis thereafter. Upon registration  
271 the person shall provide a statement signed by the principal or  
272 principal's representative that the registrant is authorized to  
273 represent the principal. The principal shall also identify and  
274 designate its main business on the statement authorizing that  
275 lobbyist pursuant to a classification system approved by the  
276 commission. The registration shall require each lobbyist to  
277 disclose, under oath, the following information:

278 (a) Name and business address;

279 (b) The name and business address of each principal  
280 represented;

281 (c) 1. Whether each principal represented is:

282 a. A foreign country of concern; or

283 b. A domestic partnership, an association, a corporation,  
284 an organization, or any other business entity that is at least  
285 25 percent beneficially owned by a foreign country of concern, a  
286 nonresident alien from a foreign country of concern, or an  
287 entity organized under the laws of or having its principal place  
288 of business in a foreign country of concern.

289 2. As used in this paragraph, the term "foreign country of  
290 concern" has the same meaning as in s. 286.101(1);

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291       (d) His or her area of interest;  
 292       (e)~~(d)~~ The agencies before which he or she will appear; and  
 293       (f)~~(e)~~ The existence of any direct or indirect business  
 294 association, partnership, or financial relationship with any  
 295 employee of an agency with which he or she lobbies, or intends  
 296 to lobby, as disclosed in the registration.

297       Section 7. Present paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (2)  
 298 of section 112.3261, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
 299 paragraphs (d) and (e), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is  
 300 added to that subsection, to read:

301       112.3261 Lobbying before water management districts;  
 302 registration and reporting.—

303       (2) A person may not lobby a district until such person has  
 304 registered as a lobbyist with that district. Such registration  
 305 shall be due upon initially being retained to lobby and is  
 306 renewable on a calendar-year basis thereafter. Upon  
 307 registration, the person shall provide a statement signed by the  
 308 principal or principal's representative stating that the  
 309 registrant is authorized to represent the principal. The  
 310 principal shall also identify and designate its main business on  
 311 the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a  
 312 classification system approved by the district. Any changes to  
 313 the information required by this section must be disclosed  
 314 within 15 days by filing a new registration form. The  
 315 registration form shall require each lobbyist to disclose, under  
 316 oath, the following:

317       (c)1. Whether each principal represented is:  
 318       a. A foreign country of concern; or  
 319       b. A domestic partnership, an association, a corporation,

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320 an organization, or any other business entity that is at least  
321 25 percent beneficially owned by a foreign country of concern, a  
322 nonresident alien from a foreign country of concern, or an  
323 entity organized under the laws of or having its principal place  
324 of business in a foreign country of concern.

325 2. As used in this paragraph, the term "foreign country of  
326 concern" has the same meaning as in s. 286.101(1).

327 Section 8. Section 205.0532, Florida Statutes, is amended  
328 to read:

329 205.0532 Revocation or refusal to renew; doing business  
330 with Cuba.—

331 (1) Any appropriate tax collector or local governing  
332 authority issuing a business tax receipt to any individual,  
333 business, or entity under this chapter may revoke or refuse to  
334 renew such receipt if the individual, business, or entity, ~~or~~  
335 ~~parent company of such individual, business, or entity,~~ is doing  
336 business with Cuba in violation of federal law.

337 (2) Any appropriate tax collector or local governing  
338 authority may request a sworn affidavit or declaration from any  
339 individual, business, or entity attesting to whether the  
340 individual, business, or entity is doing business with Cuba in  
341 violation of federal law.

342 (3) A person who knowingly makes a false declaration under  
343 subsection (2) is guilty of the crime of perjury by false  
344 written declaration, a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
345 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

346 Section 9. Section 287.138, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
347 read:

348 287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign sources

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349 ~~countries~~ of concern prohibited.-

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

351 (a) ~~"Controlling interest" means possession of the power to~~  
352 ~~direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a~~  
353 ~~company, whether through ownership of securities, by contract,~~  
354 ~~or otherwise. A person or entity that directly or indirectly has~~  
355 ~~the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interests of~~  
356 ~~the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits~~  
357 ~~is presumed to possess a controlling interest.~~

358 ~~(b)~~ "Department" means the Department of Management  
359 Services.

360 ~~(b)(e)~~ "Foreign source country of concern" has the same  
361 meaning as in s. 496.404 ~~means the People's Republic of China,~~  
362 ~~the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the~~  
363 ~~Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the~~  
364 ~~Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab~~  
365 ~~Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of~~  
366 ~~significant control of such foreign country of concern.~~

367 ~~(c)(d)~~ "Governmental entity" means any state, county,  
368 district, authority, or municipal officer, department, division,  
369 board, bureau, commission, or other separate unit of government  
370 created or established by law including, but not limited to, the  
371 Commission on Ethics, the Public Service Commission, the Office  
372 of Public Counsel, and any other public or private agency,  
373 person, partnership, corporation, or business entity acting on  
374 behalf of any public agency.

375 (d) "Information technology" has the same meaning as in s.  
376 282.0041.

377 (2) (a) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a

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378 contract with a foreign source of concern if the contract ~~an~~  
379 ~~entity which~~ would give access to an individual's personal  
380 identifying information.

381 (b) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a  
382 contract for information technology with a foreign source of  
383 concern, or through a third-party seller when the information  
384 technology is designed, manufactured, or assembled by a foreign  
385 source of concern, or for any services relating to information  
386 technology with a foreign source of concern if:

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

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

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

393 (3) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, a governmental entity may  
394 not extend or renew a contract with a foreign source of concern  
395 ~~an entity listed in paragraphs (2)(a)-(c)~~ if the contract would  
396 give such foreign source of concern ~~entity~~ access to an  
397 individual's personal identifying information or if the contract  
398 involves information technology.

399 (4) (a) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2024~~, a  
400 governmental entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or  
401 a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an entity which would  
402 grant the entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
403 information or involve information technology unless the entity  
404 provides the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an  
405 officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury  
406 attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of concern

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407 ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2) (a) (c).~~

408 (b) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, when an entity extends or  
409 renews a contract with a governmental entity which would grant  
410 the entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
411 information or which involves information technology, the entity  
412 must provide the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by  
413 an officer or representative of the entity under penalty of  
414 perjury attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of  
415 concern ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2) (a)~~  
416 ~~(c).~~

417 (5) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,  
418 a governmental entity may enter into, extend, or renew a  
419 contract involving information technology which is otherwise  
420 prohibited by this section if the department makes a written  
421 determination that:

422 1. There is no reasonable alternative available to address  
423 a specific need.

424 2. Failure to enter into the contract would pose a greater  
425 risk to public health, public safety, or economic security than  
426 the risk associated with entering into the contract.

427 3. The contract includes mitigation measures deemed  
428 necessary by the department to reduce any risk to this state.

429 (b) Beginning January 1, 2027, the department shall submit  
430 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
431 the House of Representatives a written quarterly report  
432 detailing each contract entered into pursuant to this  
433 subsection.

434 (6) (a) This section does not apply to information  
435 technology that is incapable of remote access to or control of

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436 critical infrastructure.

437 (b) The department may create a nonexhaustive list of  
438 information technology that violates this section.

439 (c) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
440 section.

441 (7)~~(5)~~ The Attorney General may bring a civil action in any  
442 court of competent jurisdiction against an entity that violates  
443 this section. Violations of this section may result in:

444 (a) A civil penalty equal to twice the amount of the  
445 contract for which the entity submitted a bid or proposal for,  
446 replied to, or entered into;

447 (b) Ineligibility to enter into, renew, or extend any  
448 contract, including any grant agreements, with any governmental  
449 entity for up to 5 years;

450 (c) Ineligibility to receive or renew any license,  
451 certification, or credential issued by a governmental entity for  
452 up to 5 years; and

453 (d) Placement on the suspended vendor list pursuant to s.  
454 287.1351.

455 (8)~~(6)~~ Any penalties collected under subsection (7) ~~(5)~~  
456 must be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

457 (9)~~(7)~~ The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
458 section, including rules establishing the form for the affidavit  
459 required under subsection (4).

460 Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
461 288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is  
462 added to that section, to read:

463 288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

464 (3) The state protocol officer may:

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465 (a) Coordinate and carry out activities designed to  
466 encourage the state and its subdivisions to participate in  
467 sister city and sister state affiliations with foreign countries  
468 and their subdivisions. Such activities may include a State of  
469 Florida sister cities conference. Such activities may not  
470 include encouragement of any affiliation with foreign countries  
471 of concern as defined in s. 288.860(1) or their subdivisions.

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

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

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

479 Section 11. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section  
480 288.8175, Florida Statutes, are amended, and a new subsection  
481 (7) is added to that section, to read:

482 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary  
483 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

484 (3) Each institute must be co-administered in this state by  
485 a university-community college partnership, ~~as designated in~~  
486 ~~subsection (5),~~ and must have a private sector and public sector  
487 advisory committee. The advisory committee must be  
488 representative of the international education and commercial  
489 interests of the state and may have members who are native to  
490 the foreign country partner. Six members must be appointed by  
491 the Department of Education. The Department of Education must  
492 appoint at least one member who is an international educator.  
493 The presidents, or their designees, of the participating

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494 university and community college must also serve on the advisory  
495 committee.

496 (4) The institutes are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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523 ~~host countries to study in any of the state universities or~~  
524 ~~community colleges in this state as resident students for~~  
525 ~~tuition purposes. The institute directors shall develop~~  
526 ~~criteria, to be approved by the Department of Education, for the~~  
527 ~~selection of these students. Students must return home within 3~~  
528 ~~years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate study for~~  
529 ~~a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

530 (7) A linkage institute may not enter into any agreement or  
531 participate in any activities with a foreign country of concern  
532 as defined in s. 288.860(1) or any organization in a foreign  
533 country of concern.

534 Section 12. Present subsection (4) of section 288.854,  
535 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (5), and a new  
536 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

537 288.854 Support for a free and independent Cuba.—

538 (4) (a) If the Federal Government changes the diplomatic  
539 status of Cuba, the Governor may, by executive order, suspend  
540 the provisions of any statute or rule restricting interactions  
541 with Cuba for a period not to exceed adjournment sine die of the  
542 regular session of the Legislature after such suspension. A  
543 suspension expires upon adjournment sine die of such regular  
544 session of the Legislature. A suspension may not be renewed or  
545 extended.

546 (b) If the Governor suspends a statute or rule under  
547 paragraph (a), he or she may not subsequently suspend the same  
548 statute or rule relating to Cuba unless expressly authorized by  
549 the Legislature.

550 (c) At least 30 days before the next regular session of the  
551 Legislature following a change in Cuba's diplomatic status by

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552 the Federal Government, the Governor shall submit to the  
553 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
554 Representatives written recommendations for policy changes, if  
555 any, that should be considered by the Legislature concerning  
556 Cuba. However, if the change in Cuba's diplomatic status occurs  
557 within 30 days before the convening of the next regular session  
558 of the Legislature or during the regular session of the  
559 Legislature, the Governor shall submit such recommendations as  
560 soon as practicable.

561 (d) This subsection is repealed October 2, 2028, unless  
562 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

563 Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 288.860, Florida  
564 Statutes, is amended to read:

565 288.860 International cultural agreements.—

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

572 (b) All agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not  
573 limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,  
574 2026, which:

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

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

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

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

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

593 316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of  
594 vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

596 (a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power to  
597 direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a  
598 company, whether through ownership of securities, by contract,  
599 or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly  
600 has 25 percent or more of the voting interests of a company or  
601 is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is presumed to  
602 possess a controlling interest. ~~and~~

603 (b) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
604 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
605 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
606 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
607 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of  
608 significant control of such foreign country of concern ~~have the~~  
609 ~~same meanings as in s. 287.138(1).~~

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610 Section 15. Subsection (14) of section 496.404, Florida  
611 Statutes, is amended to read:

612 496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the  
613 term:

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

616 (a) The government or any official of the government of a  
617 foreign country of concern;

618 (b) A political party or member of a political party or any  
619 subdivision of a political party in a foreign country of  
620 concern;

621 (c) A partnership, an association, a corporation, an  
622 organization, or other combination of persons organized under  
623 the laws of or having its principal place of business in a  
624 foreign country of concern, or a subsidiary of such entity;

625 (d) Any person who is domiciled in a foreign country of  
626 concern and is not a citizen or lawful permanent citizen of the  
627 United States;

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

631 (f) An entity in which a person, entity, or collection of  
632 persons or entities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) has a  
633 controlling interest. As used in this paragraph, the term  
634 "controlling interest" means the possession of the power to  
635 direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of  
636 an entity, whether through ownership of securities, by contract,  
637 or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly  
638 has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest

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639 of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its  
640 profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest; or

641 (g) A designated foreign terrorist organization as defined  
642 in s. 775.32(1) or an agent acting on behalf of a designated  
643 foreign terrorist organization.

644 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 692.201, Florida  
645 Statutes, is amended to read:

646 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

647 (3) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
648 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
649 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
650 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
651 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
652 ~~of~~ significant control of such foreign country of concern.

653 Section 17. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created to  
654 read:

655 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure  
656 facilities from foreign sources of concern.—

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

658 (a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
659 112.312.

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

662 (c) "Governmental entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
663 287.138(1).

664 (d) "Information technology" has the same meaning as in s.  
665 282.0041.

666 (2) (a) A governmental entity or a business entity  
667 constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having

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668 significant access to a critical infrastructure facility may not  
669 enter into a contract or other agreement relating to a critical  
670 infrastructure facility in this state with a foreign source of  
671 concern if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign  
672 source of concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise  
673 control such critical infrastructure facility.

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

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

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

696 2. The address of the critical infrastructure facility the

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697 business entity is constructing, repairing, or operating or to  
698 which the business entity otherwise has significant access.

699 3. A description of the specific terms of the contract or  
700 agreement which authorize a foreign source of concern to engage  
701 in constructing, repairing, or operating or to otherwise have  
702 significant access to such critical infrastructure facility.

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

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

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

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

715 (5) (a) Information technology produced or manufactured by a  
716 foreign source of concern may not be used in a critical  
717 infrastructure facility located in this state.

718 (b)1. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a governmental entity  
719 or business entity may enter into a contract or other agreement  
720 with a foreign source of concern to use information technology  
721 that is otherwise prohibited in paragraph (a) in a critical  
722 infrastructure facility if the Department of Commerce, in  
723 consultation with the Department of Management Services, makes a  
724 written determination that:

725 a. There is no reasonable alternative available to address

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726 a specific need relating to a critical infrastructure facility  
727 in this state.

728 b. Failure to enter into the contract or agreement would  
729 pose a greater risk to public health, public safety, or economic  
730 security than the risk associated with entering into the  
731 contract or agreement.

732 c. The contract or agreement includes mitigation measures  
733 deemed necessary by the Department of Commerce, in consultation  
734 with the Department of Management Services, to reduce any risk  
735 to this state.

736 2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Department of Commerce  
737 shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
738 the Speaker of the House of Representatives a written quarterly  
739 report detailing each contract or agreement entered into  
740 pursuant to this paragraph.

741 (c) This subsection does not apply to information  
742 technology that is incapable of remote access to or control of  
743 critical infrastructure.

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

746 Section 18. Subsection (1) of section 742.15, Florida  
747 Statutes, is amended to read:

748 742.15 Gestational surrogacy contract.—

749 (1) Prior to engaging in gestational surrogacy, a binding  
750 and enforceable gestational surrogacy contract shall be made  
751 between the commissioning couple and the gestational surrogate.  
752 A contract for gestational surrogacy is prohibited ~~shall not be~~  
753 ~~binding and enforceable~~ unless all of the following apply:

754 (a) The gestational surrogate is 18 years of age or older

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755 and is a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident.

756 (b) The commissioning couple are legally married, ~~and~~ are  
757 both 18 years of age or older, are domiciled in Florida, and are  
758 United States citizens or lawful permanent residents.

759 Section 19. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is created  
760 to read:

761 775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—

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

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

767 (b) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
768 same meaning as in s. 775.32(1).

769 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.  
770 286.101(1).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

792 Section 20. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created to  
793 read:

794 775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.-

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

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

800 (b) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
801 same meaning as in s. 775.32(1).

802 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.  
803 286.101(1).

804 (2) Without the approval of the state or the United States,  
805 a person may not:

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

809 (b) Investigate, monitor, or surveil another person in this  
810 state for the purpose of preventing the other person from  
811 violating the laws of a foreign government which are not also  
812 the laws of this state or the United States.

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813       (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of  
814 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
815 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this  
816 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering  
817 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
818 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
819 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of  
820 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
821 775.083, or s. 775.084.

822       Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
823 282.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

824       282.802 Government Technology Modernization Council.—

825       (7) (a) The council shall meet at least quarterly to:

826       1. Recommend legislative and administrative actions that  
827 the Legislature and state agencies as defined in s. 282.318(2)  
828 may take to promote the development of data modernization in  
829 this state.

830       2. Assess and provide guidance on necessary legislative  
831 reforms and the creation of a state code of ethics for  
832 artificial intelligence systems in state government.

833       3. Assess the effect of automated decision systems or  
834 identity management on constitutional and other legal rights,  
835 duties, and privileges of residents of this state.

836       4. Evaluate common standards for artificial intelligence  
837 safety and security measures, including the benefits of  
838 requiring disclosure of the digital provenance for all images  
839 and audio created using generative artificial intelligence as a  
840 means of revealing the origin and edit of the image or audio, as  
841 well as the best methods for such disclosure.

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842           5. Assess the manner in which governmental entities and the  
843 private sector are using artificial intelligence with a focus on  
844 opportunity areas for deployments in systems across this state.

845           6. Determine the manner in which artificial intelligence is  
846 being exploited by bad actors, including foreign countries of  
847 concern as defined in s. 286.101(1) ~~s. 287.138(1)~~.

848           7. Evaluate the need for curriculum to prepare school-age  
849 audiences with the digital media and visual literacy skills  
850 needed to navigate the digital information landscape.

851           Section 22. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.