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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to systems of law and terrorist organizations; providing legislative intent and findings; creating s. 2.05, F.S.; prohibiting the application of certain law in adjudicatory proceedings in a manner that violates a constitutional right; providing exceptions; amending s. 775.33, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts or conspires to provide material support or resources to a domestic terrorist organization commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing that a person who willfully becomes a member of a domestic terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of such organization with a specified intent commits a specified crime; amending s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of "terrorist organization" to include a domestic terrorist organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an organization a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements are met; requiring the Chief to maintain a list of such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each

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26 designation within a specified time period; requiring
27 the Chief to provide specified written notice to the
28 Cabinet within a certain time period before making the
29 designation; requiring the Cabinet to approve by a
30 majority vote the designation; requiring the Chief to
31 publish such designation in the Florida Administrative
32 Register within a specified time period after approval
33 of the designation by the Cabinet; authorizing a
34 designated organization to seek judicial review;
35 authorizing the enhancement of penalties; providing
36 for removal of such designation in certain
37 circumstances; prohibiting state agencies, political
38 subdivisions, and public school districts from
39 expending certain public funds to support an
40 organization designated a domestic terrorist
41 organization or a foreign terrorist organization;
42 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt
43 rules; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising
44 eligibility and obligations of private schools that
45 participate in the state school choice scholarship
46 program; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.; prohibiting
47 certain institutions from expending public funds to
48 promote, support, or maintain programs or campus
49 activities that advocate for domestic terrorist
50 organizations or foreign terrorist organizations;

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51 authorizing the withholding of specified funding of
52 certain institutions; amending s. 1006.61, F.S.;
53 requiring public postsecondary educational
54 institutions to report specified information of a
55 student in certain circumstances; authorizing
56 immediate expulsion of such student from the
57 institution; defining the terms "designated foreign
58 terrorist organization" and "domestic terrorist
59 organization"; amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; defining the
60 terms "domestic terrorist organization" and "foreign
61 terrorist organization"; amending ss. 1009.23 and
62 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that certain students of
63 Florida College System institutions and state
64 universities be immediately expelled and assessed out-
65 of-state fees; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing
66 that certain students of school districts and Florida
67 College System institutions are ineligible for
68 specified fee waivers; creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.;
69 prohibiting students who promote domestic terrorist
70 organization or foreign terrorist organizations from
71 being awarded certain public institution funds;
72 providing an effective date.

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74 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the United States and
75 Florida Constitutions guarantee the free exercise of religion

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76 and that the United States and the State of Florida have a long
77 and cherished history of protecting religious freedom; and

78 WHEREAS, the right to the free exercise of religion is not
79 absolute and cannot interfere with the peace and order of
80 society or the security and rights of others; and

81 WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has acknowledged
82 that the United States Constitution does not prohibit public
83 authorities from regulating conduct or actions, even if
84 motivated by religion, that "have invariably posed *some*
85 *substantial threat to public safety, peace or order,*" *Sherbert*
86 *v. Verner*, 374 U.S. 398, 403 (1963); and

87 WHEREAS, Article I, section 3 of the Florida Constitution
88 provides that "[r]eligious freedom shall not justify practices
89 inconsistent with public morals, peace or safety"; and

90 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that certain practices
91 inherent to Sharia law—such as non-consensual and child
92 marriages, public stoning or lashings, physical warfare against
93 non-Muslims, discriminatory treatment of women, and amputation
94 of limbs for crimes such as theft—violate the fundamental rights
95 of persons, undermine the peace and order of society, and are
96 deeply incompatible with the United States and Florida
97 Constitutions; and

98 WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that no public or
99 private authority or tribunal in the State of Florida should
100 enforce any religious practice, including any practice of Sharia

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101 law, that violates constitutional rights, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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105 **Section 1. Section 2.05, Florida Statutes, is created to**
read:

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107 2.05 Application of religious or foreign law.—

108 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

109 (a) "Religious law" means a legal code or formal system of
law that is associated with a religion and is based on the
sacred texts or traditions of such religion. The term includes
Sharia law.

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111 (b) "Foreign law" means a legal code or formal system of
law of a foreign country or nation, or of an international
organization.

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113 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the terms "religious
law" and "foreign law" do not include the following:

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115 (a) The natural law or natural rights, as such law or
rights are understood within the legal tradition of the United
States or this state.

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117 (b) A provision of the United States Constitution or a
constitution of one of the several states.

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119 (c) A provision of domestic federal or state law.

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121 (d) The common law, including the common law as described
in s. 2.01.

126 (e) A provision of law of a Native American tribe within a
127 state or territory of the United States.

128 (3) A court, administrative law judge, hearing officer,
129 agency, or arbitration panel or tribunal may not enforce a
130 provision of religious law or foreign law against a person if
131 such application would violate a constitutional right of such
132 person under the United States Constitution or the Florida
133 Constitution.

134 (4) This section does not apply to adjudication of
135 ecclesiastical matters of a religious organization, including
136 the selection, appointment, discipline, or removal of clergy or
137 interpretation of doctrine.

138 **Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 775.30,**
139 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

140 775.30 Terrorism; defined; penalties.—

141 (1) As used in this chapter and the Florida Criminal Code,
142 the term:

143 (a) terms "Terrorism" or "terrorist activity" means mean
144 an activity that:

145 1.(a) Involves:

146 a.1. A violent act or an act dangerous to human life which
147 is a violation of the criminal laws of this state or of the
148 United States; or

149 b.2. A violation of s. 815.06; and

150 2.(b) Is intended to:

151 a.1. Intimidate, injure, or coerce a civilian population;
152 b.2. Influence the policy of a government by intimidation
153 or coercion; or
154 c.3. Affect the conduct of government through destruction
155 of property, assassination, murder, kidnapping, or aircraft
156 piracy.

157 (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an
158 organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization by
159 the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

160 (3) A person who ~~commits a violation of~~
161 subsection (2) which results in death or serious bodily injury
162 commits a life felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
163 775.083, or s. 775.084. As used in this subsection, the term
164 "serious bodily injury" means an injury to a person which
165 creates a substantial risk of death, serious personal
166 disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function
167 of a bodily member or an organ.

168 **Section 3. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1)**
169 **of section 775.32, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**
170 **paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively, subsections (2),**
171 **(3), and (4) are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to**
172 **subsection (1) of that section, to read:**

173 775.32 Use of military-type training provided by a
174 designated foreign terrorist organizations organization.—

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

176 (c) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an
177 organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization by
178 the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

179 (2) A person who has received military-type training from
180 a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic
181 terrorist organization may not use, attempt to use, or conspire
182 to use such military-type training with the intent to unlawfully
183 harm another person or damage a critical infrastructure
184 facility.

185 (3) A person who violates commits a violation of
186 subsection (2) commits a felony of the second degree, punishable
187 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

188 (4) A person who violates commits a violation of
189 subsection (2) which results in the death of, or serious bodily
190 injury to, a person commits a felony of the first degree,
191 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

192 **Section 4. Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of subsection**
193 **(1) of section 775.33, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**
194 **paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively, subsections (3)**
195 **and (5) are amended, and paragraph (b) is added to subsection**
196 **(1) of that section, to read:**

197 775.33 Providing material support or resources for
198 terrorism or to terrorist organizations.—

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

200 (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an

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201 organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization by
202 the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

203 (3) A person who knowingly provides material support or
204 resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization or a
205 domestic terrorist organization, or attempts or conspires to do
206 so, commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided
207 in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. To violate this
208 subsection, a person must have knowledge that the organization
209 is a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic
210 terrorist organization, or that the organization has engaged in
211 or engages in terrorism or terrorist activity.

212 (5) (a) For purposes of prosecution under subsection (2) or
213 subsection (3), a person is deemed to provide material support
214 or resources by providing personnel if the person knowingly
215 provides, attempts to provide, or conspires to provide himself
216 or herself or another person to:

217 1. Work under the direction and control of a designated
218 foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist
219 organization, or a person engaged in, or intending to engage in,
220 an act of terrorism; or

221 2. Organize, manage, supervise, or otherwise direct the
222 operations of a designated foreign terrorist organization or a
223 domestic terrorist organization, or a person engaged in, or
224 intending to engage in, an act of terrorism.

225 (b) An individual who acts entirely independently of the

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226 designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic
227 terrorist organization, or the person engaged in, or intending
228 to engage in, an act of terrorism to advance the organization's
229 or person's goals or objectives is not working under the
230 direction and control of the designated foreign terrorist
231 organization or domestic terrorist organization or person
232 engaged in, or intending to engage in, an act of terrorism.

233 **Section 5. Section 775.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to**
234 **read:**

235 775.34 Membership in a ~~designated foreign~~ terrorist
236 organizations ~~organization~~.—

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

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

240 (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" has the same meaning
241 as provided in s. 943.03102.

242 (2) A person who willfully becomes a member of a
243 designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic
244 terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control
245 of that organization with the intent to further the illegal acts
246 of the organization commits a felony of the second degree,
247 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
248 ~~As used in this section, the term "designated foreign terrorist~~
249 ~~organization"~~ has the same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.

250 **Section 6. Subsection (7) of section 874.03, Florida**

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251 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

252 874.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

253 (7) "Terrorist organization" means any organized group
254 engaged in or organized for the purpose of engaging in terrorism
255 as defined in s. 775.30. The term includes a domestic terrorist
256 organization and a foreign terrorist organization, as designated
257 by the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102. This
258 definition does not shall not be construed to prevent
259 prosecution under this chapter of individuals acting alone.

260 **Section 7. Section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, is created**
261 **to read:**

262 943.03102 Designation of terrorist organizations.—

263 (1) (a) In order to ensure the safety of this state, and
264 the safety of the residents of this state, the Chief of Domestic
265 Security may designate an organization:

266 1. A domestic terrorist organization if the Chief of
267 Domestic Security finds that the organization meets the
268 following criteria:

269 a. The organization is based or operates in this state or
270 the United States.

271 b. The organization is engaging in terrorist activities
272 that:

273 (I) Involve acts dangerous to human life that violate
274 state or federal law; or

275 (II) Are intended to:

276 (A) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
277 (B) Influence the policy of a government by intimidation
278 or coercion; or
279 (C) Affect the conduct of a government by mass
280 destruction, assassination, or kidnapping.
281 c. The terrorist activity of the organization is an
282 ongoing threat to the security of this state or the United
283 States.

284 2. A foreign terrorist organization if the Chief of
285 Domestic Security finds that the organization meets the
286 following criteria:

287 a. The organization is designated as a foreign terrorist
288 organization by the United States Secretary of State pursuant to
289 s. 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

290 b. The terrorist activity of the organization is an
291 ongoing threat to the security of this state or the United
292 States.

293 (b) The Chief of Domestic Security must maintain a list of
294 organizations that he or she designates as domestic terrorist
295 organizations or foreign terrorist organizations.

296 (c) At least once every 5 years, the Chief of Domestic
297 Security must review each designation made under paragraph (a)
298 which labels an organization a domestic terrorist organization
299 or a foreign terrorist organization.

300 (2) (a) At least seven days before making a designation

301 under subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security must
302 provide written notice to the Cabinet of his or her intent to
303 designate an organization as a domestic terrorist organization
304 or a foreign terrorist organization, which notice must be
305 accompanied by written findings regarding the basis for such
306 designation.

307 (b) Upon receipt of written notice made pursuant to
308 paragraph (a), the Cabinet may, by a majority vote, approve or
309 reject a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security
310 under subsection (1).

311 (c) Within seven days after approval by the Cabinet of a
312 designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under
313 subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security must publish the
314 designation in the Florida Administrative Register.

315 (d) Within 30 days after publication of a designation in
316 the Florida Administrative Register, the organization designated
317 as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist
318 organization, or any member of such organization, may challenge
319 such designation in the circuit court of the Second Judicial
320 Circuit in and for Leon County.

321 (e) Any criminal penalties imposed against a terrorist
322 organization may be enhanced as provided by law.

323 (3) (a) An organization designated as a domestic terrorist
324 organization or a foreign terrorist organization may petition
325 the department, at any time, for the removal of such

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326 designation.

327 (b) At any time, the Cabinet may remove, by a majority
328 vote, a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under
329 subsection (1).

330 (4) A state agency, political subdivision, or public
331 school district authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or
332 levy ad valorem taxes may not expend such funds or taxes to
333 support an organization, or a member of an organization,
334 designated as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign
335 terrorist organization.

336 (5) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
337 section.

338 **Section 8. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (1) of**
339 **section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, to read:**

340 1002.421 State school choice scholarship program
341 accountability and oversight.—

342 (1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private
343 school participating in an educational scholarship program
344 established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as
345 defined in s. 1002.01 in this state, be registered, and be in
346 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to
347 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific
348 requirements identified within respective scholarship program
349 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private
350 schools, and must:

351 (t) Prohibit:352 1. Employment of, or contracting with;353 2. Ownership or operation by; or354 3. Acceptance of funds from, a person or entity that is
355 affiliated with or in any way controlled by:356 a. A designated foreign terrorist organization, as defined
357 in s. 775.32(1), or a member of such organization;358 b. A criminal gang or a criminal gang member as defined in
359 874.03;360 c. A terrorist organization as defined in 874.03;361 d. A transnational crime organization, as defined in s.
362 874.03, or a member of such organization;363 e. A domestic terrorist organization as defined in 775.32;364 f. A person or entity that has:365 (I) Provided material support or resources, as defined in
366 s. 775.33(1), to; or367 (II) Received such support or resources, from,368
369 a designated foreign terrorist organization, as defined in s.
370 775.32 or a criminal gang, terrorist organization, transnational
371 crime organization, or domestic terrorist organization, as those
372 terms are defined in s. 874.03; or373 f. A person or entity that has demonstrated a pattern or
374 practice of supporting or advocating for terrorism as defined in
375 s. 775.30(1).

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377 The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private
378 school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and
379 shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship
380 students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a
381 private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection
382 or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the
383 report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may
384 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
385 in a scholarship program.

386 **Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1004.06, Florida**

387 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

388 1004.06 Prohibited expenditures.—

389 (2) (a) A Florida College System institution, state
390 university, Florida College System institution direct-support
391 organization, or state university direct-support organization
392 may not expend any state or federal funds to promote, support,
393 or maintain any programs or campus activities that:

394 1. (a) Violate s. 1000.05; or

395 2. (b) Advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, or
396 promote or engage in political or social activism, as defined by
397 rules of the State Board of Education and regulations of the
398 Board of Governors; or

399 3. Advocate for a domestic terrorist organization or a
400 foreign terrorist organization, as designated by the Chief of

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401 Domestic Security in s. 943.03102.

402 (b) The State Board of Education or the Board of
403 Governors, as applicable, may withhold performance-based funding
404 of a Florida College System institution or state university that
405 violates paragraph (a).

406 (c) Student fees to support student-led organizations are
407 allowed permitted notwithstanding any speech or expressive
408 activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate
409 this subsection, provided that the public funds must be
410 allocated to student-led organizations pursuant to written
411 policies or regulations of each Florida College System
412 institution or state university, as applicable. Use of
413 institution facilities by student-led organizations is allowed
414 permitted notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by
415 such organizations which would otherwise violate this
416 subsection, provided that such use must be granted to student-
417 led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of
418 each Florida College System institution or state university, as
419 applicable.

420 **Section 10. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.61,**
421 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

422 1006.61 Participation by students in disruptive
423 activities, and promotion of foreign terrorist organizations, at
424 public postsecondary educational institution; penalties.—

425 (3) (a) Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. s. 214.3(g) (2), a public

426 postsecondary educational institution must report information
427 relating to the current status of a student who is attending the
428 institution on a student visa if the student promotes a
429 designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic
430 terrorist organization.

431 (b) After a student of a state institution of higher
432 learning has been determined to have promoted a designated
433 foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist
434 organization, such student may be immediately expelled from the
435 institution.

436 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "foreign
437 terrorist organization" and "domestic terrorist organization"
438 mean an organization so designated by the Chief of Domestic
439 Security under s. 943.03102.

440 **Section 11. Section 1009.01, Florida Statutes, is amended**
441 **to read:**

442 1009.01 Definitions.—The term:

443 (1) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an
444 organization so designated by the Chief of Domestic Security
445 under s. 943.03102.

446 (2) "Foreign terrorist organization" means an organization
447 so designated by the Chief of Domestic Security under s.
448 943.03102.

449 (3) "Out-of-state fee" means the additional fee for
450 instruction charged by a public postsecondary educational

451 institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who
452 does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s.
453 1009.21. A charge for any other purpose may not be included in
454 this fee.

455 (4) (1) "Tuition" means the basic fee charged to a student
456 for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational
457 institution in this state. A charge for any other purpose may
458 shall not be included in within this fee.

459 (2) "Out of state fee" means the additional fee for
460 instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational
461 institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who
462 does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s.
463 1009.21. A charge for any other purpose shall not be included
464 within this fee.

465 (5) (3) "Tuition differential" means the supplemental fee
466 charged to a student by a public university in this state
467 pursuant to s. 1009.24(16).

468 **Section 12. Subsection (22) of section 1009.23, Florida**
469 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (23), and a new subsection**
470 **(22) is added to that section, to read:**

471 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

472 (22) A student who promotes a domestic terrorist
473 organization or a foreign terrorist organization during any term
474 of enrollment shall be immediately expelled from the institution
475 and assessed the out-of-state fee established in subsection (3).

476 **Section 13. Subsection (22) is added to section 1009.24,**
477 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

478 1009.24 State university student fees.—

479 (22) A student who promotes a domestic terrorist
480 organization or a foreign terrorist organization during any term
481 of enrollment shall be immediately expelled from the institution
482 and assessed the out-of-state fee established in subsection (4).

483 **Section 14. Subsection (22) is added to section 1009.26,**
484 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

485 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

486 (22) A student who promotes a domestic terrorist
487 organization or a foreign terrorist organization during any term
488 of enrollment is ineligible for any fee waiver under this
489 section.

490 **Section 15. Section 1009.8963, Florida Statutes, is**
491 **created to read:**

492 1009.8963 Prohibition on awarding of scholarships, grants,
493 and other aid.—A student who promotes a domestic terrorist
494 organization or a foreign terrorist organization during any term
495 of enrollment may not be awarded any institutional or state
496 grants, financial aid, scholarships, or tuition assistance under
497 this chapter.

498 **Section 16.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.