

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to systems of law and terrorist
3 organizations; providing legislative intent and
4 findings; creating s. 2.05, F.S.; prohibiting the
5 application of certain law in adjudicatory proceedings
6 in a manner that violates a constitutional right;
7 providing exceptions; amending s. 775.33, F.S.;
8 defining the term "domestic terrorist organization";
9 providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts
10 or conspires to provide material support or resources
11 to a domestic terrorist organization commits a
12 specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining
13 the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing
14 that a person who willfully becomes a member of a
15 domestic terrorist organization and serves under the
16 direction or control of such organization with a
17 specified intent commits a specified crime; amending
18 s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of "terrorist
19 organization" to include a domestic terrorist
20 organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing
21 the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an
22 organization a domestic terrorist organization or a
23 foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements
24 are met; requiring the Chief to maintain a list of
25 such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each

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;

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

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

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**
106 **read:**

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
110 law that is associated with a religion and is based on the
111 sacred texts or traditions of such religion. The term includes
112 Sharia law.

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

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

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

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

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

124 (d) The common law, including the common law as described
125 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.~~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.~~2.~~ A violation of s. 815.06; and

150 2.~~(b)~~ Is intended to:

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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 violates ~~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:

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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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) An individual who acts entirely independently of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Statutes, is amended to read:

874.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

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

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

943.03102 Designation of terrorist organizations.—

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

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

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

b. The organization is engaging in terrorist activities that:

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

(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

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:

(t) Prohibit:

1. Employment of, or contracting with;

2. Ownership or operation by; or

3. Acceptance of funds from, a person or entity that is
affiliated with or in any way controlled by:

a. A designated foreign terrorist organization, as defined
in s. 775.32(1), or a member of such organization;

b. A criminal gang or a criminal gang member as defined in
874.03;

c. A terrorist organization as defined in 874.03;

d. A transnational crime organization, as defined in s.
874.03, or a member of such organization;

e. A domestic terrorist organization as defined in 775.32;

f. A person or entity that has:

(I) Provided material support or resources, as defined in
s. 775.33(1), to; or

(II) Received such support or resources, from,

a designated foreign terrorist organization, as defined in s.
775.32 or a criminal gang, terrorist organization, transnational
crime organization, or domestic terrorist organization, as those
terms are defined in s. 874.03; or

f. A person or entity that has demonstrated a pattern or
practice of supporting or advocating for terrorism as defined in
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

Domestic Security in s. 943.03102.

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

(c) Student fees to support student-led organizations are allowed ~~permitted~~ notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate this subsection, provided that the public funds must be allocated to student-led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of each Florida College System institution or state university, as applicable. Use of institution facilities by student-led organizations is allowed ~~permitted~~ notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate this subsection, provided that such use must be granted to student-led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of each Florida College System institution or state university, as applicable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1009.01 Definitions.—The term:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

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

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

1009.24 State university student fees.—

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

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

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

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

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

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

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