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30 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing the Chief of Domestic
31 Security to designate an organization a foreign
32 terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist
33 organization if certain criteria are met; requiring
34 the Chief of Domestic Security to maintain a list of
35 such organizations; requiring the Chief of Domestic
36 Security to review each designation within a specified
37 timeframe; requiring the Chief of Domestic Security to
38 provide specified written notice to the Cabinet within
39 a certain timeframe before making a designation;
40 authorizing the Cabinet to approve or reject the
41 designation by a majority vote; requiring the Chief of
42 Domestic Security to publish such designation in the
43 Florida Administrative Register within a specified
44 timeframe after approval of the designation by the
45 Cabinet; authorizing a designated organization to seek
46 judicial review within a specified timeframe in a
47 specified court; authorizing the enhancement of
48 certain penalties; authorizing a designated
49 organization to petition for removal of such
50 designation in certain circumstances; authorizing the
51 Cabinet, by a majority vote, to remove such
52 designation; prohibiting state agencies, political
53 subdivisions, and public school districts from
54 expending certain public funds to support an
55 organization designated as a foreign terrorist
56 organization or a domestic terrorist organization;
57 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt
58 rules; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising

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59 eligibility and obligations of private schools that
60 participate in the state school choice scholarship
61 program; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.; prohibiting
62 certain institutions from expending public funds to
63 promote, support, or maintain programs or campus
64 activities that advocate for foreign terrorist
65 organizations or domestic terrorist organizations;
66 authorizing the State Board of Education or the Board
67 of Governors, as applicable, to withhold specified
68 funding from certain institutions; amending s.
69 1006.61, F.S.; requiring public postsecondary
70 educational institutions to report specified
71 information relating to certain students in certain
72 circumstances; authorizing immediate expulsion of such
73 student from the institution under certain
74 circumstances; defining the terms "domestic terrorist
75 organization" and "foreign terrorist organization";
76 reordering and amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; defining the
77 terms "domestic terrorist organization" and "foreign
78 terrorist organization"; amending ss. 1009.23 and
79 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that certain students of
80 Florida College System institutions and state
81 universities, respectively, be immediately expelled
82 and assessed a certain out-of-state fee; amending s.
83 1009.26, F.S.; providing that certain students of
84 school districts and Florida College System
85 institutions are ineligible for specified fee waivers;
86 creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.; prohibiting students who
87 have been determined to have promoted designated

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88 foreign terrorist organizations or domestic terrorist
89 organizations from being awarded certain public
90 institution funds; providing an effective date.

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

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94 Section 1. Section 2.05, Florida Statutes, is created to
95 read:

96 2.05 Application of religious or foreign law.—

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

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

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

104 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the terms "religious
105 law" and "foreign law" do not include any of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

116 (3) A court, an administrative law judge, a hearing

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117 officer, an agency, or an arbitration panel or tribunal may not
118 enforce a provision of religious law or foreign law against a
119 person if such application would violate a constitutional right
120 of such person under the United States Constitution or the State
121 Constitution.

122 (4) This section does not apply to adjudication of
123 ecclesiastical matters of a religious organization, including
124 the selection, appointment, discipline, or removal of clergy or
125 interpretation of doctrine.

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

128 775.30 Terrorism; defined; penalties.—

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

131 (a) terms "Terrorism" or "terrorist activity" means mean an
132 activity that:

133 1.(a) Involves:

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

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

138 2.(b) Is intended to:

139 a.1. Intimidate, injure, or coerce a civilian population;

140 b.2. Influence the policy of a government by intimidation
141 or coercion; or

142 c.3. Affect the conduct of government through destruction
143 of property, assassination, murder, kidnapping, or aircraft
144 piracy.

145 (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an organization

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

148 (3) A person who violates commits a violation of subsection
149 (2), resulting which results in death or serious bodily injury,
150 commits a life felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
151 775.083, or s. 775.084. As used in this subsection, the term
152 "serious bodily injury" means an injury to a person which
153 creates a substantial risk of death, serious personal
154 disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function
155 of a bodily member or an organ.

156 Section 3. Present paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of
157 subsection (1) of section 775.32, Florida Statutes, are
158 redesignated as paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively, a
159 new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and subsections
160 (2), (3), and (4) of that section are amended, to read:

161 775.32 Use of military-type training provided by a
162 designated foreign terrorist organization—

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

164 (c) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an organization
165 designated as a domestic terrorist organization by the Chief of
166 Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

167 (2) A person who has received military-type training from a
168 designated foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist
169 organization may not use, attempt to use, or conspire to use
170 such military-type training with the intent to unlawfully harm
171 another person or damage a critical infrastructure facility.

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

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175 (4) A person who violates ~~commits~~ a violation of subsection
176 (2), resulting which results in the death of, or serious bodily
177 injury to, a person, commits a felony of the first degree,
178 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

179 Section 4. Present paragraphs (b) through (e) of subsection
180 (1) of section 775.33, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
181 paragraphs (c) through (f), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is
182 added to that subsection, and subsections (3) and (5) of that
183 section are amended, to read:

184 775.33 Providing material support or resources for
185 terrorism or to terrorist organizations.—

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

187 (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an organization
188 designated as a domestic terrorist organization by the Chief of
189 Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

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

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

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

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

212 (b) An individual who acts entirely independently of the
213 designated foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist
214 organization, or the person engaged in, or intending to engage
215 in, an act of terrorism, to advance the organization's or
216 person's goals or objectives is not working under the direction
217 and control of the designated foreign terrorist organization or
218 domestic terrorist organization, or person engaged in, or
219 intending to engage in, an act of terrorism.

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

222 775.34 Membership in a designated foreign terrorist
223 organization.—

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

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

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

229 (2) A person who willfully becomes a member of a designated
230 foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist
231 organization and serves under the direction or control of that
232 organization with the intent to further the illegal acts of the

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233 organization commits a felony of the second degree, punishable
234 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. ~~As used in~~
235 ~~this section, the term "Designated foreign terrorist~~
236 ~~organization" has the same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.~~

237 Section 6. Subsection (7) of section 874.03, Florida
238 Statutes, is amended to read:

239 874.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

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

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

249 943.03102 Designation of terrorist organizations.—

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

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

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

258 b. The organization engages in terrorist activities that:
259 (I) Involve acts dangerous to human life which violate
260 state or federal law; or

261 (II) Are intended to:

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262 (A) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
263 (B) Influence the policy of a government by intimidation or
264 coercion; or
265 (C) Affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction,
266 assassination, or kidnapping.
267 c. The terrorist activity of the organization is an ongoing
268 threat to the security of this state or the United States.
269 2. A foreign terrorist organization if the Chief of
270 Domestic Security finds that the organization meets the
271 following criteria:
272 a. The organization is designated as a foreign terrorist
273 organization by the United States Secretary of State pursuant to
274 s. 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
275 b. The terrorist activity of the organization is an ongoing
276 threat to the security of this state or the United States.
277 (b) The Chief of Domestic Security shall maintain a list of
278 organizations that he or she designates as domestic terrorist
279 organizations or foreign terrorist organizations.
280 (c) At least once every 5 years, the Chief of Domestic
281 Security shall review each designation made under paragraph (a)
282 which labels an organization a domestic terrorist organization
283 or a foreign terrorist organization.
284 (2) (a) At least 7 days before making a designation under
285 subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security shall provide
286 written notice to the Cabinet of his or her intent to designate
287 an organization as a foreign terrorist organization or a
288 domestic terrorist organization, which notice must be
289 accompanied by written findings regarding the basis for such
290 designation.

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291 (b) Upon receipt of written notice made pursuant to
292 paragraph (a), the Cabinet may, by a majority vote, approve or
293 reject a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security
294 under subsection (1).

295 (c) Within 7 days after approval by the Cabinet of a
296 designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under
297 subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security shall publish the
298 designation in the Florida Administrative Register.

299 (d) Within 30 days after publication of a designation in
300 the Florida Administrative Register, the organization designated
301 as a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist
302 organization, or any member of such organizations, may challenge
303 such designation in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial
304 Circuit in and for Leon County.

305 (e) Any criminal penalty imposed against a terrorist
306 organization may be enhanced as provided by law.

307 (3) (a) An organization designated as a domestic terrorist
308 organization or a foreign terrorist organization may petition
309 the department, at any time, for the removal of such
310 designation.

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

314 (4) A state agency, political subdivision, or public school
315 district authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy
316 ad valorem taxes may not expend such funds or taxes to support
317 an organization, or a member of an organization, designated as a
318 domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist
319 organization.

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320 (5) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
321 section.

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

324 1002.421 State school choice scholarship program
325 accountability and oversight.—

326 (1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private
327 school participating in an educational scholarship program
328 established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as
329 defined in s. 1002.01 in this state, be registered, and be in
330 compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to
331 private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific
332 requirements identified within respective scholarship program
333 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private
334 schools, and must:

335 (t) Prohibit:

336 1. Employment of, or contracting with;

337 2. Ownership or operation by; or

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

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

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

344 c. A terrorist organization as defined in s. 874.03;

345 d. A transnational crime organization, as defined in s.
346 874.03, or a member of such an organization;

347 e. A domestic terrorist organization as defined in s.
348 775.32;

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349 f. A person or an entity that has:

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

352 (II) Received such support or resources from a designated
353 foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist
354 organization, as defined in s. 775.32, or a criminal gang,
355 terrorist organization, or transnational crime organization, as
356 defined in s. 874.03; or

357 g. A person or an entity that has demonstrated a pattern or
358 practice of supporting or advocating for terrorism as defined in
359 s. 775.30(1).

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361 The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private
362 school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and
363 shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship
364 students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a
365 private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection
366 or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the
367 report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may
368 determine that the private school is ineligible to participate
369 in a scholarship program.

370 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1004.06, Florida
371 Statutes, is amended to read:

372 1004.06 Prohibited expenditures.—

373 (2) (a) A Florida College System institution ~~or~~, state
374 university, Florida College System institution direct-support
375 organization, or state university direct-support organization
376 may not expend any state or federal funds to promote, support,
377 or maintain any programs or campus activities that:

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378 1. (a) Violate s. 1000.05; or
379 2. (b) Advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, or
380 promote or engage in political or social activism, as defined by
381 rules of the State Board of Education and regulations of the
382 Board of Governors; or

383 3. Advocate for a foreign terrorist organization or a
384 domestic terrorist organization as designated by the Chief of
385 Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

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

390 (c) Student fees to support student-led organizations are
391 allowed permitted notwithstanding any speech or expressive
392 activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate
393 this subsection, provided that the public funds must be
394 allocated to student-led organizations pursuant to written
395 policies or regulations of each Florida College System
396 institution or state university, as applicable. Use of
397 institution facilities by student-led organizations is allowed
398 permitted notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by
399 such organizations which would otherwise violate this
400 subsection, provided that such use must be granted to student-
401 led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of
402 each Florida College System institution or state university, as
403 applicable.

404 Section 10. Section 1006.61, Florida Statutes, is amended
405 to read:

406 1006.61 Participation by students in disruptive activities,

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407 and promotion of foreign terrorist organizations, at public
408 postsecondary educational institution; penalties.-

409 (1) Any person who accepts the privilege extended by the
410 laws of this state of attendance at any public postsecondary
411 educational institution shall, by attending such institution, be
412 deemed to have given his or her consent to the policies of that
413 institution, the State Board of Education, and the Board of
414 Governors regarding the State University System, and the laws of
415 this state. Such policies shall include prohibition against
416 disruptive activities at public postsecondary educational
417 institutions.

418 (2) After it has been determined that a student of a state
419 institution of higher learning has participated in disruptive
420 activities, such student may be immediately expelled from the
421 institution for a minimum of 2 years.

422 (3) (a) Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. s. 214.3(g)(2), a public
423 postsecondary educational institution must report information
424 relating to the current status of a student attending the
425 institution on a student visa if the student has been determined
426 to have promoted a designated foreign terrorist organization or
427 domestic terrorist organization.

428 (b) If a student of public postsecondary educational
429 institution has been determined to have promoted a designated
430 foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist
431 organization, such student will be immediately expelled from the
432 institution.

433 (c) As used in this subsection, the terms "domestic
434 terrorist organization" and "foreign terrorist organization"
435 mean an organization so designated by the Chief of Domestic

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436 Security under s. 943.03102.437 Section 11. Section 1009.01, Florida Statutes, is reordered
438 and amended to read:

439 1009.01 Definitions.—the term:

440 (1) “Domestic terrorist organization” means an organization
441 so designated by the Chief of Domestic Security under s.
442 943.03102.443 (2) “Foreign terrorist organization” means an organization
444 so designated by the Chief of Domestic Security under s.
445 943.03102.446 (3) “Out-of-state fee” means the additional fee for
447 instruction charged by a public postsecondary educational
448 institution in this state to a student who does not qualify for
449 the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s. 1009.21. A charge for
450 any other purpose may not be included in this fee.451 (4) (1) “Tuition” means the basic fee charged to a student
452 for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational
453 institution in this state. A charge for any other purpose may
454 shall not be included in within this fee.455 (2) “Out-of-state fee” means the additional fee for
456 instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational
457 institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who
458 does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s.
459 1009.21. A charge for any other purpose shall not be included
460 within this fee.461 (5) (3) “Tuition differential” means the supplemental fee
462 charged to a student by a public university in this state
463 pursuant to s. 1009.24(16).

464 Section 12. Present subsection (22) of section 1009.23,

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465 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (23), and a new
466 subsection (22) is added to that section, to read:

467 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

468 (22) A student who has been determined to have promoted a
469 designated foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist
470 organization during any term of enrollment must be immediately
471 expelled from the institution and assessed the out-of-state fee
472 established in subsection (3).

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

475 1009.24 State university student fees.—

476 (22) A student who has been determined to have promoted a
477 designated foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist
478 organization during any term of enrollment must be immediately
479 expelled from the institution and assessed the out-of-state fee
480 established in subsection (4).

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

483 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

484 (22) A student who has been determined to have promoted a
485 designated foreign terrorist organization or domestic terrorist
486 organization during any term of enrollment is ineligible for any
487 fee waiver under this section.

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

490 1009.8963 Prohibition on awarding of scholarships, grants,
491 and other aid.—A student who has been determined to have
492 promoted a designated foreign terrorist organization or domestic
493 terrorist organization during any term of enrollment may not be

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494 awarded any institutional or state grants, financial aid,
495 scholarships, or tuition assistance under this chapter.

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