

**By** the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Grall

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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 Governor and  
39        Cabinet within a certain timeframe before making a  
40        designation; authorizing the Governor and Cabinet to  
41        approve or reject the designation by a majority vote;  
42        requiring the Chief of Domestic Security to publish  
43        such designation in the Florida Administrative  
44        Register within a specified timeframe after approval  
45        of the designation by the Governor and Cabinet;  
46        authorizing a designated organization to seek judicial  
47        review within a specified timeframe in a specified  
48        court; authorizing the enhancement of certain  
49        penalties; authorizing a designated organization to  
50        petition for removal of such designation in certain  
51        circumstances; authorizing the Governor and Cabinet,  
52        by a majority vote, to remove such designation;  
53        prohibiting state agencies, political subdivisions,  
54        and public school districts from expending certain  
55        public funds to support an organization designated as  
56        a foreign terrorist organization or a domestic  
57        terrorist organization; requiring the Department of  
58        Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending s. 1002.421,

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59 F.S.; revising eligibility and obligations of private  
60 schools that participate in the state school choice  
61 scholarship program; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.;  
62 prohibiting certain institutions from expending public  
63 funds to promote, support, or maintain programs or  
64 campus 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; and

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 Governor and Cabinet of his or her intent  
287 to designate an organization as a foreign terrorist organization  
288 or a 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 Governor and Cabinet may, by a majority vote,  
293 approve or reject a designation made by the Chief of Domestic  
294 Security under subsection (1).

295       (c) Within 7 days after approval by the Governor and  
296 Cabinet of a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security  
297 under subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security shall  
298 publish the 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 Governor and Cabinet may, by a  
312 majority vote, remove a designation made by the Chief of  
313 Domestic Security 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 subparagraph (a)3.

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.