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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee  
2 Representative Persons-Mulicka offered the following:

4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 **Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Foreign**  
**7 Interference Restriction and Enforcement Act."**

8 **Section 2. Section 106.031, Florida Statutes, is created**  
9 **to read:**

10 **106.031 Registration of agents and organizations**  
11 **associated with foreign nations.-**

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

13 **(a) "Address" includes any address, no matter the**  
14 **location, inside or outside of the United States.**

15 **(b) "Agent of a foreign country of concern" means a**  
16 **person:**

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17        1. Who acts as an agent, an employee, a representative, or  
18        a servant, or who otherwise acts at the order, at the request,  
19        or under the direction or control, of a foreign country of  
20        concern;

21        2. Whose actions are financed, in whole or in part, by a  
22        foreign country of concern; and

23        3. Who engages in political activity on behalf of a  
24        foreign country of concern.

25        (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
26        Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
27        of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
28        of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
29        Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
30        significant control of such foreign country of concern.

31        (d) "Foreign-supported political organization" means a  
32        political party or a domestic partnership, an association, a  
33        corporation, an organization, or any other business entity that  
34        engages in political activity within the state and that:

35        1. Has its principal place of business in a foreign  
36        country of concern; or

37        2. Is at least 20 percent beneficially owned by a foreign  
38        country of concern, a nonresident alien from a foreign country  
39        of concern, or an entity organized under the law of or having  
40        its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

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41        (e) "Payment" includes compensation and disbursement made  
42        in any form, including, but not limited to, contributions,  
43        income, money, tangible property, and intangible property.

44        (f) "Political activity" means an activity that is  
45        performed to:

46        1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local  
47        governmental entity;

48        2. Influence the public in creating, adopting, or changing  
49        state laws or government policies;

50        3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

51        4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

52        5. Support or oppose any issue.

53        (2) (a) A person who becomes an agent of a foreign country  
54        of concern must, within 10 days after becoming such an agent,  
55        register with the division. The registration must be signed  
56        under oath.

57        (b) 1. The division shall create a form for the  
58        registration required under paragraph (a). Such form must  
59        require, at a minimum, all of the following information:

60        a. The registrant's name.

61        b. The address of the registrant's primary residence and  
62        all other addresses associated with the registrant.

63        c. The name and address of the registrant's principal  
64        place of business.

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65        d. A detailed statement describing the nature of the  
66 registrant's business.

67        e. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom  
68 the registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or  
69 has agreed to act.

70        f. A detailed statement describing the nature of the work  
71 and the character of the business or other activities of each  
72 foreign country of concern identified in sub subparagraph e.

73        g. A statement detailing each time the registrant received  
74 a payment from a foreign country of concern identified in sub-  
75 subparagraph e. within the previous 90 days. The statement must  
76 identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such  
77 payment.

78        h. The total amount of such payments the registrant has  
79 received within the previous 90 days from a foreign country of  
80 concern identified in sub subparagraph e.

81        i. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant,  
82 or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is performing,  
83 has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of a foreign  
84 country of concern identified in sub subparagraph e.

85        j. If the registrant is also engaged in political activity  
86 on behalf of a person who is not associated with a foreign  
87 country of concern but who is an agent of a foreign country of  
88 concern, the registrant must include all of the following  
89 information:

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90        (I) The name, employer, business and residence addresses,  
91        and, if applicable, nationality of such person.

92        (II) A detailed statement of every activity the  
93        registrant, or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is  
94        performing, has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of  
95        such person.

96        (III) A statement detailing each time the registrant  
97        received a payment from such person within the previous 90 days.  
98        The statement must identify the amount of the payment and the  
99        nature of such payment.

100        k. A detailed statement itemizing the payments made by the  
101        registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with  
102        actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or  
103        in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a  
104        person identified in sub subparagraph j.

105        1. A detailed statement itemizing any payments relating to  
106        political activity within the state made by the registrant  
107        during the previous 90 days.

108        2. A registrant is required to disclose only payments that  
109        are known or reasonably knowable to the registrant in the  
110        ordinary course of business. A payment is reasonably knowable if  
111        the information is obtainable through standard internal  
112        accounting practices, routine contracting documentation, or  
113        other customary business-record review. A registrant is not

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114 required to undertake extraordinary investigative measures to  
115 determine the existence or origin of a payment.

116 (c) A registrant must update the information required  
117 under paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

118 (d) A person must register as an agent of a foreign  
119 country of concern for any period of time he or she was engaged  
120 in such position.

121 (3) (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, each foreign-supported  
122 political organization must register with the division.

123 (b) 1. The division shall create a form for the  
124 registration required under paragraph (a). The form must  
125 require, at minimum, all of the following information:

126 a. The organization's name and mailing address and the  
127 address of any physical office.

128 b. The names, titles, and primary business addresses of  
129 any officers or directors of the organization.

130 c. A detailed statement itemizing any payments made by the  
131 organization that would constitute political activity within the  
132 state during the previous calendar year.

133 d. A detailed statement itemizing any payments exceeding  
134 \$500 made to, or received by, the organization from a foreign  
135 country of concern or an agent of a foreign country of concern  
136 during the previous calendar year, to extent such payments were  
137 made for the purpose of engaging in political activity.

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138        2. An organization is required to disclose only payments  
139        that are known or reasonably knowable to the organization in the  
140        ordinary course of business. A payment is reasonably knowable if  
141        the information is obtainable through standard internal  
142        accounting practices, routine contracting documentation, or  
143        other customary business-record review. An organization is not  
144        required to undertake extraordinary investigative measures to  
145        determine the existence or origin of a payment.

146        (c) An organization must update the information required  
147        under paragraph (b) at least every 90 days.

148        (4) Upon finding a violation of this section, in addition  
149        to the remedies provided in ss. 106.265 and 106.27, the Florida  
150        Elections Commission may assess the following penalties:

151        (a) For any willful violation, a fine of up to \$500 per  
152        violation.

153        (b) For any repeated willful violation, a fine of up to  
154        \$2,000 per violation.

155        **Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 112.313,**  
156        **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

157        112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,  
158        employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

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

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

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163        (b) "Foreign country of concern" has the same meaning as  
164        in s. 286.101(1).

165        (c) "Public officer" includes any person elected or  
166        appointed to hold office in any agency, including any person  
167        serving on an advisory body.

168        (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

169        (a) A No public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
170        government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
171        may not shall solicit or accept anything of value to the  
172        recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future  
173        employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that  
174        the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer,  
175        employee, local government attorney, or candidate would be  
176        influenced thereby.

177        (b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
178        government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
179        may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,  
180        including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,  
181        favor, or service, for any purpose, from a designated foreign  
182        terrorist organization, a foreign country of concern or any of  
183        its subdivisions, or any person or entity representing or acting  
184        on behalf of a designated foreign terrorist organization or  
185        foreign country of concern or any of its subdivisions.

186        **Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**  
187        **112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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188        112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional  
189 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community  
190 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of  
191 independent special districts.—

192        (2)

193        (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum  
194 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which  
195 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code  
196 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. By November 1,  
197 2026, the commission shall adopt revised rules to supplement the  
198 minimum course content, including all of the following:

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

202        2. How to identify, recognize, and report suspected  
203 foreign influence campaigns.

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

207        **Section 5. Section 205.0532, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
208 **to read:**

209        205.0532 Revocation or refusal to renew; doing business  
210 with Cuba.—

211        (1) Any appropriate tax collector or local governing  
212 authority issuing a business tax receipt to any individual,

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business, or entity under this chapter may revoke or refuse to renew such receipt if the individual, business, or entity, ~~or parent company of such individual, business, or entity,~~ is doing business with Cuba in violation of federal law.

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

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

**Section 6. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1) of section 287.138, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), respectively, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, subsections (5), (6), and (7) of that section are redesignated as subsections (6), (7) and (8), respectively, present paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) and subsections (2), (3), and (4) of that section are amended, and new subsections (5) and (6) are added to that section to read:**

287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign sources countries of concern prohibited.—

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

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238       (a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power  
239       to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies  
240       of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by  
241       contract, or otherwise. A person or entity that directly or  
242       indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the  
243       voting interests of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or  
244       more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling  
245       interest.

246       (b) (e) "Foreign source country of concern" has the same  
247       meaning as in s. 496.404 means the People's Republic of China,  
248       the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the  
249       Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the  
250       Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab  
251       Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of  
252       significant control of such foreign country of concern.

253       (d) "Information technology" has the same meaning as in s.  
254       282.0041.

255       (2) (a) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into  
256       a contract with a foreign source of concern if the contract an  
257       entity which would give access to an individual's personal  
258       identifying information.

259       (b) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a  
260       contract for information technology with a foreign source of  
261       concern, or through a third-party seller when the information  
262       technology is designed, manufactured, or assembled by a foreign

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263 source of concern, or for any services relating to information  
264 technology with a foreign source of concern if:

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

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

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

271 (3) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, a governmental entity may  
272 not extend or renew a contract with a foreign source of concern  
273 ~~an entity listed in paragraphs (2)(a)-(c) if the contract would~~  
274 ~~give such foreign source of concern entity access to an~~  
275 ~~individual's personal identifying information or if the contract~~  
276 ~~involves information technology.~~

277 (4) (a) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2024~~, a  
278 governmental entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or  
279 a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an entity which would  
280 grant the entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
281 information or involve information technology unless the entity  
282 provides the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an  
283 officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury  
284 attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of concern  
285 ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2)(a)-(c).~~

286 (b) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, when an entity extends or  
287 renews a contract with a governmental entity which would grant

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288 the entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
289 information or which involves information technology, the entity  
290 must provide the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by  
291 an officer or representative of the entity under penalty of  
292 perjury attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of  
293 concern does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2)(a)  
294 -(e).

295 (5)(a)1. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a  
296 governmental entity may enter into, extend, or renew a contract  
297 involving information technology that is otherwise prohibited by  
298 this section, if the Department of Management Services makes a  
299 written determination that:

300 a. There is no other reasonable alternative available to  
301 address a specific need.

302 b. Failure to enter into the contract would pose a greater  
303 risk to public health, public safety, or economic security than  
304 the risk associated with entering into the contract.

305 c. The contract includes mitigation measures deemed  
306 necessary by the Department of Management Services to reduce any  
307 risks to the state.

308 2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Department of Management  
309 Services shall issue a written quarterly report to the Governor,  
310 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
311 Representatives detailing each contract entered into pursuant to  
312 this paragraph.

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313        (6) (a) This section does not apply to information  
314        technology that is incapable of remote access or control of  
315        critical infrastructure.

316        (b) The department may create a non-exhaustive list of  
317        information technology that violates this section.

318        (c) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
319        section.

320        **Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**  
321        **288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is**  
322        **added to that section, to read:**

323        288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

324        (3) The state protocol officer may:

325        (a) Coordinate and carry out activities designed to  
326        encourage the state and its subdivisions to participate in  
327        sister city and sister state affiliations with foreign countries  
328        and their subdivisions. Such activities may include a State of  
329        Florida sister cities conference. Such activities may not  
330        include encouragement of any affiliations with foreign countries  
331        of concern as defined in s. 288.860(1) or their subdivisions.

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

334        (a) A current and accurate list of all foreign consulate  
335        offices.

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336        (b) A current and accurate list of all sister city and  
337        sister state affiliations, including a copy of all such  
338        agreements.

339        **Section 8. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 288.8175, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, subsections (3), (4), and (5) are amended, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:**

343        288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary  
344        institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

345        (3) Each institute must be co-administered in this state  
346        by a university-community college partnership, ~~as designated in~~  
347        ~~subsection (5),~~ and must have a private sector and public sector  
348        advisory committee. The advisory committee must be  
349        representative of the international education and commercial  
350        interests of the state and may have members who are native to  
351        the foreign country partner. Six members must be appointed by  
352        the Department of Education. The Department of Education must  
353        appoint at least one member who is an international educator.  
354        The presidents, or their designees, of the participating  
355        university and community college must also serve on the advisory  
356        committee.

357        (4) The institutes are:

358        (a) Florida-Brazil Institute (University of Florida and  
359        Miami Dade College).

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360        (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University  
361 and Valencia College).

362        (c) Florida Caribbean Institute (Florida International  
363 University and Daytona State College).

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

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

368        (e)-(f) Florida-Japan Institute (University of South  
369 Florida, University of West Florida, and St. Petersburg  
370 College).

371        (f)-(g) Florida-France Institute (New College of the  
372 University of South Florida, Miami Dade College, and Florida  
373 State University).

374        (g)-(h) Florida-Israel Institute (Florida Atlantic  
375 University and Broward College).

376        (h)-(i) Florida-West Africa Institute (Florida Agricultural  
377 and Mechanical University, University of North Florida, and  
378 Florida State College at Jacksonville).

379        (i)-(j) Florida-Eastern Europe Institute (University of  
380 Central Florida and Lake-Sumter State College).

381        (j)-(k) Florida-Mexico Institute (Florida International  
382 University and Polk State College).

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

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385 ~~host countries to study in any of the state universities or~~  
386 ~~community colleges in this state as resident students for~~  
387 ~~tuition purposes. The institute directors shall develop~~  
388 ~~criteria, to be approved by the Department of Education, for the~~  
389 ~~selection of these students. Students must return home within 3~~  
390 ~~years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate study for~~  
391 ~~a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

392 (7) A linkage institute may not enter into any agreement  
393 or participate in any activities with a foreign country of  
394 concern as defined in s. 288.860(1) or any organization in a  
395 foreign country of concern.

396 **Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 288.854, Florida**  
397 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), respectively, and a**  
398 **new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:**

399 288.854 Support for a free and independent Cuba.—

400 (4) (a) If the Federal Government changes the diplomatic  
401 status of Cuba, the Governor may, by executive order, suspend  
402 the provision of any statute or rule restricting interactions  
403 with Cuba for a period not to exceed adjournment sine die of the  
404 regular session following such suspension. The suspension  
405 expires upon adjournment sine die of such session. The  
406 suspension may not be renewed or extended.

407 (b) If the Governor suspends a statute or rule pursuant to  
408 paragraph (a), he or she may not subsequently suspend the same

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409 statute or rule regarding Cuba, unless expressly authorized by  
410 the Legislature.

411 (c) At least 30 days before the next regular session  
412 following the change in Cuba's diplomatic status, the Governor  
413 shall submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of  
414 the House of Representatives written recommendations for policy  
415 changes, if any, that should be considered by the Legislature  
416 concerning Cuba. However, if the change in status occurs within  
417 30 days before such session or while the Legislature is in  
418 regular session, the Governor shall submit such recommendations  
419 as soon as practicable.

420 (d) This subsection shall stand repealed on October 2,  
421 2028, unless saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
422 Legislature.

423 **Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 288.860, Florida**  
424 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

425 288.860 International cultural agreements.—

426 (2) (a) A state agency, political subdivision, or public  
427 school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad  
428 valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or  
429 accept any grant from a foreign country of concern or its  
430 subdivisions, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of  
431 concern.

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432        (b) All agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not  
433        limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,  
434        2026, which:

435        ~~(a) Constrains the freedom of contract of such public~~  
436        ~~entity;~~

437        ~~(b) Allows the curriculum or values of a program in the~~  
438        ~~state to be directed or controlled by the foreign country of~~  
439        ~~concern; or~~

440        ~~(c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or~~  
441        ~~security of the United States or its residents. Before the~~  
442        ~~execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign~~  
443        ~~country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be~~  
444        ~~shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national~~  
445        ~~security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other~~  
446        ~~restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides~~  
447        ~~information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda~~  
448        ~~detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or~~  
449        ~~its residents, the public entity may not enter into the~~  
450        ~~agreement.~~

451        **Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida**  
452        **Statutes, is amended to read:**

453        316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of  
454        vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

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456        (a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power  
457        to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies  
458        of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by  
459        contract, or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or  
460        indirectly has 25 percent or more of the voting interests of a  
461        company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is  
462        presumed to possess a controlling interest. and

463        (b) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
464        Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
465        of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
466        of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
467        Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of  
468        significant control of such foreign country of concern have the  
469        same meanings as in s. 287.138(1).

470        **Section 12. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (14) of**  
471        **section 496.404, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph**  
472        **(g) is added to that subsection, to read:**

473        496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the  
474        term:

475        (14) "Foreign source of concern" means any of the  
476        following:

477        (e) An agent, including a subsidiary or an affiliate of a  
478        foreign legal entity, acting on behalf of a foreign source of  
479        concern; or

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480 (f) An entity in which a person, entity, or collection of  
481 persons or entities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) has a  
482 controlling interest. As used in this paragraph, the term  
483 "controlling interest" means the possession of the power to  
484 direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of  
485 an entity, whether through ownership of securities, by contract,  
486 or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly  
487 has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest  
488 of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its  
489 profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest; or

490 (g) A designated foreign terrorist organization as defined  
491 in s. 775.32(1) or an agent acting on behalf of a designated  
492 foreign terrorist organization.

493 **Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 692.201, Florida**  
494 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

495 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:  
496 (3) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
497 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
498 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
499 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
500 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
501 or significant control of such foreign country of concern.

502 **Section 14. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created**  
503 **to read:**

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504        692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure  
505        facilities from foreign source of concern.—  
506        (1) As used in this section, the term:  
507        (a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
508        112.312.  
509        (b) "Foreign source of concern" has the same meaning as in  
510        s. 496.404.  
511        (c) "Governmental entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
512        287.138(1).  
513        (d) "Information technology" has the same meaning as in s.  
514        s. 282.0041(20).  
515        (2) (a) A governmental entity or a business entity  
516        constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having  
517        significant access to a critical infrastructure facility may not  
518        enter into a contract or other agreement relating to a critical  
519        infrastructure facility in this state with a foreign source of  
520        concern if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign  
521        source of concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise  
522        control such critical infrastructure facility.  
523        (b) A foreign source of concern may not enter into a  
524        contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure  
525        facilities in this state with a business entity constructing,  
526        repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to  
527        critical infrastructure facilities, or a governmental entity, if  
528        the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign source of

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529 concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise control such  
530 critical infrastructure facility.

531 (3) (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, a business entity  
532 constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having  
533 significant access to a critical infrastructure facility in this  
534 state which entered into a contract or other agreement before  
535 July 1, 2026, with a foreign source of concern relating to such  
536 critical infrastructure facility must register with the  
537 Department of Commerce by January 1 of each year for the  
538 remainder of the term of the contract or agreement with the  
539 foreign source of concern relating to such critical  
540 infrastructure facility. The Department of Commerce shall adopt  
541 a registration form that includes all of the following:

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

545 2. The address of the critical infrastructure facility the  
546 business entity is constructing, repairing, or operating or to  
547 which the business entity otherwise has significant access.

548 3. A description of the specific terms of the contract or  
549 agreement which authorizes a foreign source of concern to engage  
550 in constructing, repairing, or operating or to otherwise have  
551 significant access to such critical infrastructure facility.

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

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

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

557        (4) Before commencing any sale or other transfer of  
558        control of a critical infrastructure facility in this state, the  
559        business entity selling or otherwise transferring control of  
560        such critical infrastructure facility must provide an affidavit,  
561        signed under penalty of perjury, to the Department of Commerce  
562        attesting that the buyer or transferee is not a foreign source  
563        of concern.

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

567        (b) This subsection does not apply to information  
568        technology that is incapable of remote access or control of  
569        critical infrastructure.

570        (c) 1. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a governmental entity  
571        or business entity may enter into a contract or other agreement  
572        with a foreign source of concern to use information technology  
573        prohibited in paragraph (a) in a critical infrastructure  
574        facility, if the Department of Commerce, in consultation with  
575        the Department of Management Services, makes a written  
576        determination that:

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577        a. There is no other reasonable alternative available to  
578        address a specific need relating to a critical infrastructure  
579        facility in this state.

580        b. Failure to enter into the contract or agreement would  
581        pose a greater risk to public health, public safety, or economic  
582        security than the risk associated with entering into the  
583        contract or agreement.

584        c. The contract or agreement includes mitigation measures  
585        deemed necessary by the Department of Commerce, in consultation  
586        with the Department of Management Services, to reduce any risks  
587        to the state.

588        2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Department of Commerce  
589        shall issue a written quarterly report to the Governor, the  
590        President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
591        Representatives detailing each contract or agreement entered  
592        into pursuant to this paragraph.

593        (6) The Department of Commerce shall adopt rules to  
594        implement this section.

595        **Section 15. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is**  
596        **created to read:**

597        775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—  
598        (1) As used in this section, the term:  
599        (a) "Agent of a foreign government or designated foreign  
600        terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or

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601 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or a  
602 designated foreign terrorist organization.

603 (b) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
604 same meaning as provided in s. 775.32(1).

605 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as provided  
606 in s. 286.101(1).

607 (2) The penalty for any misdemeanor or felony may be  
608 reclassified if the commission of such misdemeanor or felony was  
609 for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the  
610 interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
611 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
612 designated foreign terrorist organization. The reclassification  
613 is as follows:

614 (a) A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to  
615 a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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

618 (c) A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a  
619 felony of the second degree.

620 (d) A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a  
621 felony of the first degree.

622 (e) A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life  
623 felony.

624 (3) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law,  
625 a person convicted of a felony of the first degree or a life

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626 felony under this section shall be sentenced to a minimum term  
627 of imprisonment of 15 years.

628 **Section 16. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created**  
629 **to read:**

630 775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.—

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

632 (a) "Agent of a foreign government or designated foreign  
633 terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or  
634 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or a  
635 designated foreign terrorist organization.

636 (b) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
637 same meaning as provided in s. 775.32(1).

638 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.  
639 286.101(1).

640 (2) Without the approval of this state or the United  
641 States, a person may not:

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

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

649 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of  
650 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.

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651 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this  
652 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering  
653 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
654 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
655 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of  
656 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
657 775.083, or s. 775.084.

658 **Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section**  
659 **282.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

660 282.802 Government Technology Modernization Council.—

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

662 1. Recommend legislative and administrative actions that  
663 the Legislature and state agencies as defined in s. 282.318(2)  
664 may take to promote the development of data modernization in  
665 this state.

666 2. Assess and provide guidance on necessary legislative  
667 reforms and the creation of a state code of ethics for  
668 artificial intelligence systems in state government.

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

672 4. Evaluate common standards for artificial intelligence  
673 safety and security measures, including the benefits of  
674 requiring disclosure of the digital provenance for all images  
675 and audio created using generative artificial intelligence as a

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676 means of revealing the origin and edit of the image or audio, as  
677 well as the best methods for such disclosure.

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

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

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

688 **Section 18.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

691 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

692 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
693 An act relating to foreign influence; providing a  
694 short title; creating s. 106.031, F.S.; providing  
695 definitions; requiring agents of foreign countries of  
696 concern and foreign-supported political organizations  
697 to register with the Division of Elections; providing  
698 registration requirements and limitations; requiring  
699 periodic updates by such agents and organizations;  
700 requiring foreign supported political organizations to

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701 register with the division on a specified form created  
702 by the division by a specified date; providing  
703 requirements for such forms; providing penalties;  
704 amending s. 112.313, F.S.; defining the terms  
705 "designated foreign terrorist organization" and  
706 "foreign country of concern"; prohibiting specified  
707 persons from soliciting or accepting anything of value  
708 from a designated foreign terrorist organization, a  
709 foreign country of concern, or persons or entities  
710 representing such organizations or countries; amending  
711 s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring the Commission on Ethics  
712 to adopt certain rules by a specified date; amending  
713 s. 205.0532, F.S.; authorizing any appropriate tax  
714 collector to revoke or refuse to renew business tax  
715 receipts of specified individuals, businesses, or  
716 entities; authorizing such tax collector or a local  
717 governing authority to request a specified sworn  
718 affidavit or declaration from such individual,  
719 business, or entity; providing criminal penalties;  
720 amending s. 287.138, F.S.; providing and revising  
721 definitions; prohibiting a governmental entity from  
722 entering into certain contracts with foreign sources  
723 of concern; prohibiting governmental entities from  
724 extending and renewing certain contracts beginning on  
725 a specified date; prohibiting governmental entities

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726 from accepting a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply  
727 to, or entering into, contracts involving information  
728 technology or providing access to an individual's  
729 personal identifying information unless a certain  
730 affidavit signed by an officer or representative is  
731 provided to the governmental entity; providing  
732 exceptions; requiring a report; authorizing the  
733 Department of Management Services to create a certain  
734 non-exhaustive list; providing rulemaking authority;  
735 amending s. 288.816, F.S.; prohibiting certain  
736 activities encouraging affiliations with foreign  
737 countries of concern; requiring the Department of  
738 Commerce to publish and update certain information on  
739 its website; amending s. 288.8175, F.S.; removing the  
740 Florida-China Institute from the list of linkage  
741 institutes; removing an exemption for linkage  
742 institutes; prohibiting a linkage institute from  
743 entering into an agreement or participating in an  
744 activity with a foreign country of concern; amending  
745 s. 288.854, F.S.; allowing the Governor to suspend  
746 laws and rules related to Cuba in specified  
747 circumstances for a specified time; providing the same  
748 statute or rule may not be suspended more than once  
749 without legislative authorization; requiring the  
750 Governor to submit written recommendations to the

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751       Legislature if there is a change in Cuba's diplomatic  
752       status; providing for future legislative review and  
753       repeal; amending s. 288.860, F.S.; requiring certain  
754       agreements to be terminated by a specified date;  
755       amending 316.0078, F.S.; revising the definitions of  
756       the terms "controlling interest" and "foreign country  
757       of concern"; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the  
758       definition of the term "foreign source of concern";  
759       amending s. 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of  
760       the term "foreign country of concern"; creating s.  
761       692.21, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting  
762       certain entities with access to critical  
763       infrastructure facilities from entering into certain  
764       contracts with foreign sources of concern; requiring  
765       certain entities to register with the Department of  
766       Commerce by a specified date; requiring the department  
767       to adopt registration forms; providing requirements  
768       for such forms; providing civil and criminal  
769       penalties; requiring certain entities to provide a  
770       signed affidavit to the department attesting that the  
771       buyer or transferee of a critical infrastructure  
772       facility is not a foreign source of concern;  
773       prohibiting information technology from a foreign  
774       source of concern from being used in critical  
775       infrastructure facilities; providing exceptions;

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776       requiring a report; requiring the department to adopt  
777       rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; providing  
778       definitions; providing for the reclassification of  
779       criminal penalties under certain circumstances;  
780       providing a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment;  
781       creating s. 775.36, F.S.; providing definitions;  
782       prohibiting enforcement of certain laws of a foreign  
783       government; providing criminal penalties; amending s.  
784       282.802, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing  
785       an effective date.