

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

106.031 Registration of agents and organizations
associated with foreign nations.—

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

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

(b) "Agent of a foreign country of concern" means a
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 paragraph 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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2. An organization is required to disclose only payments that are known or reasonably knowable to the organization in the ordinary course of business. A payment is reasonably knowable if the information is obtainable through standard internal accounting practices, routine contracting documentation, or other customary business-record review. An organization is not required to undertake extraordinary investigative measures to determine the existence or origin of a payment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the 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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112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of independent special districts.—

(2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Any appropriate tax collector or local governing 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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~~(a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. A person or entity that directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interests of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest.~~

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

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

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

~~(b) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a contract for information technology with a foreign source of concern, or through a third-party seller when the information 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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the entity access to an individual's personal identifying information or which involves information technology, the entity must provide the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of concern ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2) (a) - (e).~~

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

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

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

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

2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Department of Management Services shall issue a written quarterly report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives detailing each contract entered into pursuant to 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,**
340 **Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),**
341 **respectively, subsections (3), (4), and (5) are amended, and a**
342 **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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(b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University and Valencia College).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

288.854 Support for a free and independent Cuba.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

288.860 International cultural agreements.—

(2)(a) A state agency, political subdivision, or public school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or accept any grant from a foreign country of concern or its subdivisions, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of 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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(a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly has 25 percent or more of the voting interests of a company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest. ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

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

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

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692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure
facilities from foreign source of concern.—

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

(a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as in s.
112.312.

(b) "Foreign source of concern" has the same meaning as in
s. 496.404.

(c) "Governmental entity" has the same meaning as in s.
287.138(1).

(d) "Information technology" has the same meaning as in s.
s. 282.0041(20).

(2) (a) A governmental entity or a business entity
constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having
significant access to a critical infrastructure facility may not
enter into a contract or other agreement relating to a critical
infrastructure facility in this state with a foreign source of
concern if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign
source of concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise
control such critical infrastructure facility.

(b) A foreign source of concern may not enter into a
contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure
facilities in this state with a business entity constructing,
repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to
critical infrastructure facilities, or a governmental entity, if
the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign source of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, 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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775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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

282.802 Government Technology Modernization Council.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

An act relating to foreign influence; providing a short title; creating s. 106.031, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring agents of foreign countries of concern and foreign-supported political organizations to register with the Division of Elections; providing registration requirements and limitations; requiring periodic updates by such agents and organizations; 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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from accepting a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering into, contracts involving information technology or providing access to an individual's personal identifying information unless a certain affidavit signed by an officer or representative is provided to the governmental entity; providing exceptions; requiring a report; authorizing the Department of Management Services to create a certain non-exhaustive list; providing rulemaking authority; amending s. 288.816, F.S.; prohibiting certain activities encouraging affiliations with foreign countries of concern; requiring the Department of Commerce to publish and update certain information on its website; amending s. 288.8175, F.S.; removing the Florida-China Institute from the list of linkage institutes; removing an exemption for linkage institutes; prohibiting a linkage institute from entering into an agreement or participating in an activity with a foreign country of concern; amending s. 288.854, F.S.; allowing the Governor to suspend laws and rules related to Cuba in specified circumstances for a specified time; providing the same statute or rule may not be suspended more than once without legislative authorization; requiring the Governor to submit written recommendations to the

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Legislature if there is a change in Cuba's diplomatic status; providing for future legislative review and repeal; amending s. 288.860, F.S.; requiring certain agreements to be terminated by a specified date; amending 316.0078, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "controlling interest" and "foreign country of concern"; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign source of concern"; amending s. 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign country of concern"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting certain entities with access to critical infrastructure facilities from entering into certain contracts with foreign sources of concern; requiring certain entities to register with the Department of Commerce by a specified date; requiring the department to adopt registration forms; providing requirements for such forms; providing civil and criminal penalties; requiring certain entities to provide a signed affidavit to the department attesting that the buyer or transferee of a critical infrastructure facility is not a foreign source of concern; prohibiting information technology from a foreign source of concern from being used in critical 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.