

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to foreign influence; providing a
3 short title; creating s. 106.031, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; requiring agents of foreign countries of
5 concern and foreign-supported political organizations
6 to register with the Division of Elections; providing
7 registration requirements; requiring periodic updates
8 by such agents and organizations; requiring foreign
9 supported political organizations to register with the
10 division on a specified form created by the division
11 within a specified timeframe; providing requirements
12 for such forms; providing penalties; amending s.
13 112.313, F.S.; defining the terms "designated foreign
14 terrorist organization" and "foreign country of
15 concern"; prohibiting specified persons from
16 soliciting or accepting anything of value from a
17 designated foreign terrorist organization or a foreign
18 country of concern; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.;
19 requiring the Commission on Ethics to adopt certain
20 rules by a specified date; amending s. 287.138, F.S.;
21 defining the term "foreign source of concern";
22 prohibiting a governmental entity from entering into
23 certain contracts with certain entities owned or
24 partially owned by foreign sources of concern or
25 affiliated with a foreign country of concern; 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. 288.860, F.S.; requiring certain agreements to be terminated by a specified date; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign source of concern"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; 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; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; providing definitions; providing for the reclassification of criminal penalties under certain circumstances; providing a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment; creating s. 775.36, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting enforcement of certain laws of a foreign government; providing criminal penalties; amending ss. 282.802 and 316.0078, F.S.; conforming cross-references; conforming provisions based on changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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.

76 (b) "Agent of a foreign country of concern" means a
77 person:

78 1. Who acts as an agent, an employee, a representative, or
79 a servant, or who otherwise acts at the order, at the request,
80 or under the direction or control, of a foreign country of
81 concern;

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

84 3. Who engages in political activity.

85 (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's
86 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic
87 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic
88 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, the State of
89 Qatar, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or
90 any other entity under significant control of such foreign
91 country of concern.

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

96 1. Has its principal place of business in a foreign
97 country of concern; or

98 2. Is at least 20 percent beneficially owned by a foreign
99 country of concern, a nonresident alien from a foreign country
100 of concern, or an entity organized under the law of or having

101 its principal place of business in a foreign country of concern.

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

105 (f) "Political activity" means an activity that is
106 performed to:

107 1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local
108 governmental entity;

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

111 3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

112 4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

113 5. Support or oppose any issue.

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

118 (b) The division shall create a form for the registration
119 required under paragraph (a). Such form must require, at a
120 minimum, all of the following information:

121 1. The registrant's name.

122 2. The address of the registrant's primary residence and
123 all other addresses associated with the registrant.

124 3. The name and address of the registrant's principal
125 place of business.

126 4. A detailed statement describing the nature of the
127 registrant's business.

128 5. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom
129 the registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or
130 has agreed to act.

131 6. A detailed statement describing the nature of the work
132 and the character of the business or other activities of each
133 foreign country of concern identified in subparagraph 5.

134 7. A statement detailing each time the registrant received
135 a payment from a foreign country of concern identified in
136 subparagraph 5. within the previous 90 days. The statement must
137 identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such
138 payment.

139 8. The total amount of such payments the registrant has
140 received within the previous 90 days from a foreign country of
141 concern identified in subparagraph 5.

142 9. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant,
143 or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is performing,
144 has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of a foreign
145 country of concern identified in subparagraph 5.

146 10. If the registrant is also engaged in political
147 activity on behalf of a person who is not associated with a
148 foreign country of concern but who is an agent of a foreign
149 country of concern, the registrant must include all of the
150 following information:

151 a. The name, employer, business and residence addresses,
152 and, if applicable, nationality of such person.

153 b. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant,
154 or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is performing,
155 has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of such
156 person.

157 c. A statement detailing each time the registrant received
158 a payment from such person within the previous 90 days. The
159 statement must identify the amount of the payment and the nature
160 of such payment.

161 11. A detailed statement of the payments made by the
162 registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with
163 actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or
164 in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a
165 person identified in subparagraph 10.

166 12. A detailed statement of any payments relating to
167 political activity made by the registrant during the previous 90
168 days.

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

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

174 (3) (a) On or before January 1, 2027, each foreign-
175 supported political organization must register with the

176 division.

177 (b) The division shall create a form for the registration
178 required under paragraph (a). The form must require, at minimum,
179 all of the following information:

180 1. The organization's name and mailing address and the
181 address of any physical office.

182 2. The names, titles, and addresses of any officers or
183 directors of the organization.

184 3. A detailed statement of any payments made by the
185 organization that would constitute political activity during the
186 previous calendar year.

187 4. A detailed statement of any payments made to, or
188 received by, the organization from a foreign country of concern
189 or an agent of a foreign country of concern during the previous
190 calendar year.

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

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

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

197 (b) For any willful or repeated violation, a fine of up to
198 \$2,000 per violation.

199 **Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 112.313,**
200 **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.

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

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

(2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

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

(b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local
government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election
may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,
including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,
favor, or service, for any purpose, including, but not limited

226 to, a gift from a designated foreign terrorist organization or
227 any person or entity representing or acting on behalf of a
228 foreign terrorist organization, travel costs or any
229 reimbursements for costs of attending a conference or other
230 event, from a foreign country of concern or any of its
231 subdivisions, or from any person or entity representing or
232 acting on behalf of a foreign country of concern or any of its
233 subdivisions.

234 **Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
235 **112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

236 112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional
237 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community
238 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of
239 independent special districts.—

240 (2)

241 (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum
242 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which
243 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code
244 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. By November 1,
245 2026, the commission shall adopt revised rules for the minimum
246 course content, including all of the following:

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

250 2. How to identify, recognize, and report suspected

foreign influence campaigns.

3. Prohibitions on receiving gifts from foreign countries of concern or designated foreign terrorist organizations.

Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 287.138, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (e), a new paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of that section, and subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 287.138, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

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

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

(2)(a) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a contract with an entity in which a foreign source of concern has an ownership or controlling interest in the contract that would give access to an individual's personal identifying information.

(b) A government entity may not enter into a contract for information technology as defined in s. 282.0041, or for any services related to information technology, with an entity in which a foreign source of concern has an ownership or controlling interest or through a third-party seller when the information technology is designed, manufactured, or assembled by any entity in which a foreign source of concern has an

276 ownership or controlling interest if:

277 (c)~~(a)~~ The entity is owned by the government of a foreign
278 country of concern;

279 (d)~~(b)~~ The government of a foreign country of concern has
280 a controlling interest in the entity; or

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

283 (3) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, a governmental entity may
284 not extend or renew a contract with an entity listed in
285 subsection (2) ~~paragraphs (2) (a) - (c)~~ if the contract would give
286 such entity access to an individual's personal identifying
287 information.

288 (4) (a) Beginning January 1, 2026 ~~2024~~, a governmental
289 entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to,
290 or enter into, a contract with an entity which would grant the
291 entity access to an individual's personal identifying
292 information or involve information technology unless the entity
293 provides the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an
294 officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury
295 attesting that the entity does not meet any of the criteria in
296 subsection (2) ~~paragraphs (2) (a) - (c)~~.

297 (b) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, when an entity extends or
298 renews a contract with a governmental entity which would grant
299 the entity access to an individual's personal identifying
300 information, 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 does not meet any of the criteria in subsection (2) ~~paragraphs (2)(a)-(c)~~.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

(3) The state protocol officer may:

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

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

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

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

Section 7. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 288.8175, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),

326 **respectively, subsections (3), (4), and (5) are amended, and a**
327 **new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:**

328 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary
329 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

330 (3) Each institute must be co-administered in this state
331 by a university-community college partnership, ~~as designated in~~
332 ~~subsection (5),~~ and must have a private sector and public sector
333 advisory committee. The advisory committee must be
334 representative of the international education and commercial
335 interests of the state and may have members who are native to
336 the foreign country partner. Six members must be appointed by
337 the Department of Education. The Department of Education must
338 appoint at least one member who is an international educator.
339 The presidents, or their designees, of the participating
340 university and community college must also serve on the advisory
341 committee.

342 (4) The institutes are:

343 (a) Florida-Brazil Institute (University of Florida and
344 Miami Dade College).

345 (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University
346 and Valencia College).

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

349 (d) Florida-Canada Institute (University of Central
350 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 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~~

376 ~~a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

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

381 **Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 288.860, Florida**
382 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

383 288.860 International cultural agreements.—

384 (2)(a) A state agency, political subdivision, or public
385 school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad
386 valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or
387 accept any grant from a foreign country of concern or its
388 subdivisions, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of
389 concern.

390 (b) Any agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not
391 limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,
392 2026., which:

393 ~~(a) Constrains the freedom of contract of such public~~
394 ~~entity;~~

395 ~~(b) Allows the curriculum or values of a program in the~~
396 ~~state to be directed or controlled by the foreign country of~~
397 ~~concern; or~~

398 ~~(c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or~~
399 ~~security of the United States or its residents. Before the~~
400 ~~execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign~~

~~country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents, the public entity may not enter into the agreement.~~

Section 9. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (14) of section 496.404, Florida Statutes, and paragraphs (e) and (f) of that subsection are amended, 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~~

(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

426 has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest
427 of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its
428 profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest; or

429 (g) A designated foreign terrorist organization or an
430 agent acting on behalf of a designated foreign terrorist
431 organization.

432 **Section 10. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created**
433 **to read:**

434 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure
435 facilities from foreign source of concern.—

436 (1) (a) A governmental entity or an entity constructing,
437 repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to
438 a critical infrastructure facility may not enter into a contract
439 or other agreement relating to a critical infrastructure
440 facility in this state with a foreign source of concern if the
441 contract or agreement authorizes the foreign source of concern
442 to directly or remotely access or otherwise control such
443 critical infrastructure facility.

444 (b) A foreign source of concern may not enter into a
445 contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure
446 facilities in this state with an entity constructing, repairing,
447 operating, or otherwise having significant access to critical
448 infrastructure facilities, or a governmental entity, if the
449 contract or agreement authorizes the foreign source of concern
450 to directly or remotely access or otherwise control such

critical infrastructure facility.

(2) (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, an 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 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 must adopt a registration form, that includes all of the following:

1. The name of the 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 entity is constructing, repairing, or operating or to which the 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) An entity that violates paragraph (a):

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

2. Commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable

as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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

(4) Information technology as defined in s. 282.0041 produced or manufactured by a foreign source of concern or a company under the direction or control of a foreign source of concern, may not be used in a critical infrastructure facility located in or serving this state.

(5) For the purposes of this section, the term "foreign source of concern" has the same meaning as in s. 496.404.

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

Section 11. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

522 (3) In addition to any other penalties prescribed by law,
523 any person convicted of a felony of the first degree or a life
524 felony under this section shall be sentenced to a minimum term
525 of imprisonment of 15 years.

526 **Section 12. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created**
527 **to read:**

528 775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.—

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

530 (a) "Agent of a foreign government or designated foreign
531 terrorist organization" means a person acting on behalf of or
532 otherwise employed or controlled by a foreign government or a
533 designated foreign terrorist organization.

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

536 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.
537 286.101(1).

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

540 (a) Prevent another person in this state from violating
541 the laws of a foreign government that are not also the laws of
542 this state or the United States; or

543 (b) Investigate, monitor, or surveil another person in
544 this state for the purposes of preventing the other person from
545 violating the laws of a foreign government that are not also the
546 laws of this state or the United States.

547 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
548 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
549 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this
550 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering

551 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign
552 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or
553 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of
554 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
555 775.083, or s. 775.084.

556 **Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section**
557 **282.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

558 282.802 Government Technology Modernization Council.—

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

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

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

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

570 4. Evaluate common standards for artificial intelligence
571 safety and security measures, including the benefits of
572 requiring disclosure of the digital provenance for all images
573 and audio created using generative artificial intelligence as a
574 means of revealing the origin and edit of the image or audio, as
575 well as the best methods for such disclosure.

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

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

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

586 **Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida**
587 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

588 316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of
589 vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

591 (a) "Controlling interest" has the same meaning as in s.
592 287.138. and

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

600 **Section 15.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.