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A bill to be entitled
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; requiring periodic updates by such agents and organizations; requiring foreign supported political organizations to register with the division on a specified form created by the division within a specified timeframe; providing requirements for such forms; providing penalties; amending s. 112.313, F.S.; defining the terms "designated foreign terrorist organization" and "foreign country of concern"; prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or accepting anything of value from a designated foreign terrorist organization, a foreign country of concern, or persons or entities representing such organizations or countries; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring the Commission on Ethics to adopt certain rules by a specified date; amending s. 287.138, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; prohibiting a governmental entity from entering into certain contracts with foreign sources of concern; prohibiting governmental entities from extending and

26 renewing certain contracts beginning on a specified
27 date; prohibiting governmental entities from accepting
28 a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering
29 into, contracts involving information technology or
30 providing access to an individual's personal
31 identifying information unless a certain affidavit
32 signed by an officer or representative is provided to
33 the governmental entity; amending s. 288.816, F.S.;
34 prohibiting certain activities encouraging
35 affiliations with foreign countries of concern;
36 requiring the Department of Commerce to publish and
37 update certain information on its website; amending s.
38 288.8175, F.S.; removing the Florida-China Institute
39 from the list of linkage institutes; removing an
40 exemption for linkage institutes; prohibiting a
41 linkage institute from entering into an agreement or
42 participating in an activity with a foreign country of
43 concern; amending s. 288.860, F.S.; requiring certain
44 agreements to be terminated by a specified date;
45 amending 316.0078, F.S.; revising the definitions of
46 the terms "controlling interest" and "foreign country
47 of concern"; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the
48 definition of the term "foreign source of concern";
49 amending s. 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of
50 the term "foreign country of concern"; creating s.

51 692.21, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting
52 certain entities with access to critical
53 infrastructure facilities from entering into certain
54 contracts with foreign sources of concern; requiring
55 certain entities to register with the Department of
56 Commerce by a specified date; requiring the department
57 to adopt registration forms; providing requirements
58 for such forms; providing civil and criminal
59 penalties; requiring certain entities to provide a
60 signed affidavit to the department attesting that the
61 buyer or transferee of a critical infrastructure
62 facility is not a foreign source of concern;
63 prohibiting information technology from a foreign
64 source of concern from being used in critical
65 infrastructure facilities; requiring the department to
66 adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; providing
67 definitions; providing for the reclassification of
68 criminal penalties under certain circumstances;
69 providing a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment;
70 creating s. 775.36, F.S.; providing definitions;
71 prohibiting enforcement of certain laws of a foreign
72 government; providing criminal penalties; amending s.
73 282.802, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing
74 an effective date.
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76 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

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

82 106.031 Registration of agents and organizations
83 associated with foreign nations.—

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

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

87 (b) "Agent of a foreign country of concern" means a
88 person:

89 1. Who acts as an agent, an employee, a representative, or
90 a servant, or who otherwise acts at the order, at the request,
91 or under the direction or control, of a foreign country of
92 concern;

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

95 3. Who engages in political activity.

96 (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's
97 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic
98 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic
99 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, the State of
100 Qatar, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or

101 any other entity under significant control of such foreign
102 country of concern.

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

107 1. Has its principal place of business in a foreign
108 country of concern; or

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

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

116 (f) "Political activity" means an activity that is
117 performed to:

118 1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local
119 governmental entity;

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

122 3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

123 4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

124 5. Support or oppose any issue.

125 (2) (a) A person who becomes an agent of a foreign country

126 of concern must, within 10 days after becoming such an agent,
127 register with the division. The registration must be signed
128 under oath.

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

132 1. The registrant's name.

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

135 3. The name and address of the registrant's principal
136 place of business.

137 4. A detailed statement describing the nature of the
138 registrant's business.

139 5. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom
140 the registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or
141 has agreed to act.

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

145 7. A statement detailing each time the registrant received
146 a payment from a foreign country of concern identified in
147 subparagraph 5. within the previous 90 days. The statement must
148 identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such
149 payment.

150 8. The total amount of such payments the registrant has

151 received within the previous 90 days from a foreign country of
152 concern identified in subparagraph 5.

153 9. 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 a foreign
156 country of concern identified in subparagraph 5.

157 10. If the registrant is also engaged in political
158 activity on behalf of a person who is not associated with a
159 foreign country of concern but who is an agent of a foreign
160 country of concern, the registrant must include all of the
161 following information:

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

164 b. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant,
165 or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is performing,
166 has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of such
167 person.

168 c. A statement detailing each time the registrant received
169 a payment from such person within the previous 90 days. The
170 statement must identify the amount of the payment and the nature
171 of such payment.

172 11. A detailed statement of the payments made by the
173 registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with
174 actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or
175 in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a

176 person identified in subparagraph 10.

177 12. A detailed statement of any payments relating to
178 political activity made by the registrant during the previous 90
179 days.

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

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

185 (3) (a) On or before January 1, 2027, each foreign-
186 supported political organization must register with the
187 division.

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

191 1. The organization's name and mailing address and the
192 address of any physical office.

193 2. The names, titles, and addresses of any officers or
194 directors of the organization.

195 3. A detailed statement of any payments made by the
196 organization that would constitute political activity during the
197 previous calendar year.

198 4. A detailed statement of any payments made to, or
199 received by, the organization from a foreign country of concern
200 or an agent of a foreign country of concern during the previous

201 calendar year.

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

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

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

209 (b) For any repeated willful violation, a fine of up to
210 \$2,000 per violation.

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

213 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,
214 employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

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

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

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

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

224 (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

225 (a) A no public officer, an employee of an agency, a local

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226 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election
227 ~~may not~~ shall solicit or accept anything of value to the
228 recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future
229 employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that
230 the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer,
231 employee, local government attorney, or candidate would be
232 influenced thereby.

233 (b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local
234 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election
235 may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,
236 including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,
237 favor, or service, for any purpose, from a designated foreign
238 terrorist organization, a foreign country of concern or any of
239 its subdivisions, or any person or entity representing or acting
240 on behalf of a designated foreign terrorist organization or
241 foreign country of concern or any of its subdivisions.

242 **Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
243 **112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

244 112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional
245 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community
246 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of
247 independent special districts.—

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249 (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum
250 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which

251 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code
252 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. By November 1,
253 2026, the commission shall adopt revised rules to supplement the
254 minimum course content, including all of the following:

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

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

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

263 **Section 5. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1)**
264 **of section 287.138, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**
265 **paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), respectively, and present**
266 **paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) and subsections (2),**
267 **(3), and (4) of that section are amended, to read:**

268 287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign sources
269 countries of concern prohibited.—

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

271 (a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power
272 to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies
273 of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by
274 contract, or otherwise. A person or entity that directly or
275 indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the

276 ~~voting interests of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or~~
277 ~~more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling~~
278 ~~interest.~~

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

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

290 (b) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a
291 contract for information technology as defined in s. 282.0041
292 with a foreign source of concern, or through a third-party
293 seller when the information technology is designed,
294 manufactured, or assembled by a foreign source of concern, or
295 for any services relating to information technology with a
296 foreign source of concern ~~if:~~

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

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

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

303 (3) Beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025, a governmental entity may
304 not extend or renew a contract with a foreign source of concern
305 ~~an entity listed in paragraphs (2)(a)-(e)~~ if the contract would
306 give such foreign source of concern entity access to an
307 individual's personal identifying information or if the contract
308 involves information technology.

309 (4) (a) Beginning ~~July 1, 2026~~ January 1, 2024, a
310 governmental entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or
311 a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an entity which would
312 grant the entity access to an individual's personal identifying
313 information or involve information technology unless the entity
314 provides the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an
315 officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury
316 attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of concern
317 ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2)(a)-(e)~~.

318 (b) Beginning July 1, ~~2026~~ 2025, when an entity extends or
319 renews a contract with a governmental entity which would grant
320 the entity access to an individual's personal identifying
321 information or which involves information technology, the entity
322 must provide the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by
323 an officer or representative of the entity under penalty of
324 perjury attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of
325 ~~concern does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2)(a)-(e)~~

326 (e).

327 **Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**
328 **288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is**
329 **added to that section, to read:**

330 288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

331 (3) The state protocol officer may:

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

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

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

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

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

350 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary

351 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

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

364 (4) The institutes are:

365 (a) Florida-Brazil Institute (University of Florida and
366 Miami Dade College).

367 (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University
368 and Valencia College).

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

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

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

375 (e)-(f) Florida-Japan Institute (University of South

376 Florida, University of West Florida, and St. Petersburg
377 College).

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

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

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

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

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

390 ~~(5) Each institute is allowed to exempt from s. 1009.21 up~~
391 ~~to 25 full-time equivalent students per year from the respective~~
392 ~~host countries to study in any of the state universities or~~
393 ~~community colleges in this state as resident students for~~
394 ~~tuition purposes. The institute directors shall develop~~
395 ~~criteria, to be approved by the Department of Education, for the~~
396 ~~selection of these students. Students must return home within 3~~
397 ~~years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate study for~~
398 ~~a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

399 (7) A linkage institute may not enter into any agreement
400 or participate in any activities with a foreign country of

401 concern as defined in s. 288.860(1) or any organization in a
402 foreign country of concern.

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

405 288.860 International cultural agreements.—

406 (2) (a) A state agency, political subdivision, or public
407 school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad
408 valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or
409 accept any grant from a foreign country of concern or its
410 subdivisions, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of
411 concern.

412 (b) All agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not
413 limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,
414 2026., which:

415 (a) Constrains the freedom of contract of such public
416 entity;

417 (b) Allows the curriculum or values of a program in the
418 state to be directed or controlled by the foreign country of
419 concern; or

420 (c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or
421 security of the United States or its residents. Before the
422 execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign
423 country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be
424 shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national
425 security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other

426 restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides
427 information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda
428 detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or
429 its residents, the public entity may not enter into the
430 agreement.

431 **Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida
432 Statutes, is amended to read:**

433 316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of
434 vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

436 (a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power
437 to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies
438 of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by
439 contract, or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or
440 indirectly has 25 percent or more of the voting interests of a
441 company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is
442 presumed to possess a controlling interest. and

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

450 **Section 10. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (14) of**

451 **section 496.404, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph**
452 **(g) is added to that subsection, to read:**

453 496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the
454 term:

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

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

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

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

473 **Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 692.201, Florida**
474 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

475 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

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

482 **Section 12. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created**
483 **to read:**

484 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure
485 facilities from foreign source of concern.—
486 (1) As used in this section, the term:
487 (a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as in s.
488 112.312.
489 (b) "Foreign source of concern" has the same meaning as in
490 s. 496.404.
491 (c) "Governmental entity" has the same meaning as in s.
492 287.138(1).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

549 **Section 13. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is**
550 **created to read:**

551 775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

582 **Section 14. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created**
583 **to read:**

584 775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.—

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

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

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

592 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.
593 286.101(1).

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

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

599 (b) Investigate, monitor, or surveil another person in
600 this state for the purpose of preventing the other person from

601 violating the laws of a foreign government which are not also
602 the laws of this state or the United States.

603 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
604 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
605 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this
606 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering
607 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign
608 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or
609 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of
610 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
611 775.083, or s. 775.084.

612 **Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section**
613 **282.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

614 282.802 Government Technology Modernization Council.—

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

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

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

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

626 4. Evaluate common standards for artificial intelligence
627 safety and security measures, including the benefits of
628 requiring disclosure of the digital provenance for all images
629 and audio created using generative artificial intelligence as a
630 means of revealing the origin and edit of the image or audio, as
631 well as the best methods for such disclosure.

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

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

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

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