

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, a foreign  
18    country of concern, or persons or entities  
19    representing such organizations or countries; amending  
20    s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring the Commission on Ethics  
21    to adopt certain rules by a specified date; amending  
22    s. 287.138, F.S.; providing and revising definitions;  
23    prohibiting a governmental entity from entering into  
24    certain contracts with foreign sources of concern;  
25    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.

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; 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 s. 282.802, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; 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.

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

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

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

3. Who engages in political activity.

(c) "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, the State of 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 ~~Ne~~ public officer, an employee of an agency, a local

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.—

248 (2)

249 (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum  
250 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. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1) of section 287.138, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), respectively, and present paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) and subsections (2), (3), and (4) of that section are amended, to read:**

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

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

~~(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~~

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~~

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

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

(4)(a) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2024~~, a governmental entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an entity which would grant the entity access to an individual's personal identifying information or involve information technology unless the entity provides 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)-(c).~~

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

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

institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

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

(4) The institutes are:

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

(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 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 8. 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.

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

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

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

~~(c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents. Before the 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. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

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

(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 10. 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~~

(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 11. 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 12. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

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).

(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.

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.