

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. 205.0532, F.S.; authorizing any appropriate tax
23 collector to revoke or refuse to renew business tax
24 receipts of specified individuals, businesses, or
25 entities; authorizing such tax collector or a local

governing authority to request a specified sworn affidavit or declaration from such individual, business, or entity; providing criminal penalties; 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 renewing certain contracts beginning on a specified date; prohibiting governmental entities from accepting a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering into, contracts involving information technology or providing access to an individual's personal identifying information unless a certain affidavit signed by an officer or representative is provided to the governmental entity; 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.;

51 requiring certain agreements to be terminated by a
52 specified date; amending 316.0078, F.S.; revising the
53 definitions of the terms "controlling interest" and
54 "foreign country of concern"; amending s. 496.404,
55 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign
56 source of concern"; amending s. 692.201, F.S.;
57 revising the definition of the term "foreign country
58 of concern"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; providing
59 definitions; prohibiting certain entities with access
60 to critical infrastructure facilities from entering
61 into certain contracts with foreign sources of
62 concern; requiring certain entities to register with
63 the Department of Commerce by a specified date;
64 requiring the department to adopt registration forms;
65 providing requirements for such forms; providing civil
66 and criminal penalties; requiring certain entities to
67 provide a signed affidavit to the department attesting
68 that the buyer or transferee of a critical
69 infrastructure facility is not a foreign source of
70 concern; prohibiting information technology from a
71 foreign source of concern from being used in critical
72 infrastructure facilities; requiring the department to
73 adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; providing
74 definitions; providing for the reclassification of
75 criminal penalties under certain circumstances;

76 providing a minimum mandatory term of imprisonment;
77 creating s. 775.36, F.S.; providing definitions;
78 prohibiting enforcement of certain laws of a foreign
79 government; providing criminal penalties; amending s.
80 282.802, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing
81 an effective date.

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

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

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

89 106.031 Registration of agents and organizations
90 associated with foreign nations.-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local

126 governmental entity;

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

129 3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

130 4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

131 5. Support or oppose any issue.

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

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

139 1. The registrant's name.

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

142 3. The name and address of the registrant's principal
143 place of business.

144 4. A detailed statement describing the nature of the
145 registrant's business.

146 5. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom
147 the registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or
148 has agreed to act.

149 6. A detailed statement describing the nature of the work
150 and the character of the business or other activities of each

foreign country of concern identified in subparagraph 5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. A statement detailing each time the registrant received

176 a payment from such person within the previous 90 days. The
177 statement must identify the amount of the payment and the nature
178 of such payment.

179 11. A detailed statement of the payments made by the
180 registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with
181 actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or
182 in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a
183 person identified in subparagraph 10.

184 12. A detailed statement of any payments relating to
185 political activity made by the registrant during the previous 90
186 days.

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

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

192 (3) (a) On or before January 1, 2027, each foreign-
193 supported political organization must register with the
194 division.

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

198 1. The organization's name and mailing address and the
199 address of any physical office.

200 2. The names, titles, and addresses of any officers or

201 directors of the organization.

202 3. A detailed statement of any payments made by the
203 organization that would constitute political activity during the
204 previous calendar year.

205 4. A detailed statement of any payments made to, or
206 received by, the organization from a foreign country of concern
207 or an agent of a foreign country of concern during the previous
208 calendar year.

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

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

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

216 (b) For any repeated willful violation, a fine of up to
217 \$2,000 per violation.

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

220 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,
221 employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

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

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

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

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

231 (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

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

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

249 **Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
250 **112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

(2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1) of section 287.138, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), respectively, and 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~~

301 ~~indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the~~
302 ~~voting interests of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or~~
303 ~~more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling~~
304 ~~interest.~~

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

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

316 (b) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a
317 contract for information technology as defined in s. 282.0041
318 with a foreign source of concern, or through a third-party
319 seller when the information technology is designed,
320 manufactured, or assembled by a foreign source of concern, or
321 for any services relating to information technology with a
322 foreign source of concern if:

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

325 ~~(b) The government of a foreign country of concern has a~~

326 ~~controlling interest in the entity; or~~

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

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

335 (4)(a) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2024~~, a
336 governmental entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or
337 a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an entity which would
338 grant the entity access to an individual's personal identifying
339 information or involve information technology unless the entity
340 provides the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an
341 officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury
342 attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of concern
343 ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2)(a)-(c).~~

344 (b) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~2025~~, when an entity extends or
345 renews a contract with a governmental entity which would grant
346 the entity access to an individual's personal identifying
347 information or which involves information technology, the entity
348 must provide the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by
349 an officer or representative of the entity under penalty of
350 perjury attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of

~~concern does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2) (a) (e).~~

Section 7. 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 all such agreements.

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

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).~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

416 ~~(5) Each institute is allowed to exempt from s. 1009.21 up
417 to 25 full-time equivalent students per year from the respective
418 host countries to study in any of the state universities or
419 community colleges in this state as resident students for
420 tuition purposes. The institute directors shall develop
421 eriteria, to be approved by the Department of Education, for the
422 selection of these students. Students must return home within 3
423 years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate study for
424 a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

425 (7) A linkage institute may not enter into any agreement

426 or participate in any activities with a foreign country of
427 concern as defined in s. 288.860(1) or any organization in a
428 foreign country of concern.

429 **Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 288.860, Florida**
430 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

431 288.860 International cultural agreements.—

432 (2)(a) A state agency, political subdivision, or public
433 school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad
434 valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or
435 accept any grant from a foreign country of concern or its
436 subdivisions, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of
437 concern.

438 (b) All agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not
439 limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,
440 2026., which:

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

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

446 ~~(c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or~~
447 ~~security of the United States or its residents. Before the~~
448 ~~execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign~~
449 ~~country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be~~
450 ~~shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national~~

451 ~~security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other~~
452 ~~restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides~~
453 ~~information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda~~
454 ~~detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or~~
455 ~~its residents, the public entity may not enter into the~~
456 ~~agreement.~~

457 **Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida**
458 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

459 316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of
460 vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

462 (a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power
463 to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies
464 of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by
465 contract, or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or
466 indirectly has 25 percent or more of the voting interests of a
467 company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is
468 presumed to possess a controlling interest. ~~and~~

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

476 **Section 11. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (14) of**
477 **section 496.404, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph**
478 **(g) is added to that subsection, to read:**

479 496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the
480 term:

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

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

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

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

499 **Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 692.201, Florida**
500 **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 13. 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

526 control such critical infrastructure facility.

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

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

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

549 2. The address of the critical infrastructure facility the
550 business entity is constructing, repairing, or operating or to

551 which the business entity otherwise has significant access.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

575 **Section 14. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is**

576 **created to read:**

577 775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

601 felony of the first degree.

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

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

608 **Section 15. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created**
609 **to read:**

610 775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.—

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

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

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

618 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.
619 286.101(1).

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

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

625 (b) Investigate, monitor, or surveil another person in

626 this state for the purpose of preventing the other person from
627 violating the laws of a foreign government which are not also
628 the laws of this state or the United States.

629 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
630 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
631 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this
632 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering
633 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign
634 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or
635 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of
636 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
637 775.083, or s. 775.084.

638 **Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section**
639 **282.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

640 282.802 Government Technology Modernization Council.—

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

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

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

649 3. Assess the effect of automated decision systems or
650 identity management on constitutional and other legal rights,

duties, and privileges of residents of this state.

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

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

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

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

Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.