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

26 governing authority to request a specified sworn
27 affidavit or declaration from such individual,
28 business, or entity; providing criminal penalties;
29 amending s. 287.138, F.S.; providing and revising
30 definitions; prohibiting a governmental entity from
31 entering into certain contracts with foreign sources
32 of concern; prohibiting governmental entities from
33 extending and renewing certain contracts beginning on
34 a specified date; prohibiting governmental entities
35 from accepting a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply
36 to, or entering into, contracts involving information
37 technology or providing access to an individual's
38 personal identifying information unless a certain
39 affidavit signed by an officer or representative is
40 provided to the governmental entity; amending s.
41 288.816, F.S.; prohibiting certain activities
42 encouraging affiliations with foreign countries of
43 concern; requiring the Department of Commerce to
44 publish and update certain information on its website;
45 amending s. 288.8175, F.S.; removing the Florida-China
46 Institute from the list of linkage institutes;
47 removing an exemption for linkage institutes;
48 prohibiting a linkage institute from entering into an
49 agreement or participating in an activity with a
50 foreign country of concern; amending s. 288.860, F.S.;

requiring certain agreements to be terminated by a specified date; amending 316.0078, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms "controlling interest" and "foreign country of concern"; amending s. 496.404, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign source of concern"; amending s. 692.201, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign country of concern"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting certain entities with access to critical infrastructure facilities from entering into certain contracts with foreign sources of concern; requiring certain entities to register with the Department of Commerce by a specified date; requiring the department to adopt registration forms; providing requirements for such forms; providing civil and criminal penalties; requiring certain entities to provide a signed affidavit to the department attesting that the buyer or transferee of a critical infrastructure facility is not a foreign source of concern; prohibiting information technology from a foreign source of concern from being used in critical infrastructure facilities; requiring the department to adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255, F.S.; providing definitions; providing for the reclassification of 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

101 foreign country of concern; and

102 3. Who engages in political activity.

103 (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's
104 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic
105 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic
106 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, the State of
107 Qatar, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or
108 any other entity under significant control of such foreign
109 country of concern.

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

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

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

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

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

125 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

151 foreign country of concern identified in subparagraph 5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

175 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:**

251 112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional
252 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community
253 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of
254 independent special districts.—

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256 (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum
257 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which
258 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code
259 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. By November 1,
260 2026, the commission shall adopt revised rules to supplement the
261 minimum course content, including all of the following:

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

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

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

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

272 205.0532 Revocation or refusal to renew; doing business
273 with Cuba.—

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

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

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

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

289 **Section 6. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of subsection (1)**
290 **of section 287.138, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**
291 **paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), respectively, and present**
292 **paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) and subsections (2),**
293 **(3), and (4) of that section are amended, to read:**

294 287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign sources
295 ~~countries~~ of concern prohibited.—

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

297 (a) ~~"Controlling interest" means possession of the power~~
298 ~~to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies~~
299 ~~of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by~~
300 ~~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 (e) 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)-(e)~~ 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

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

353 **Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
354 288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is
355 added to that section, to read:**

356 288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

357 (3) The state protocol officer may:

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

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

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

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

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

376 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary
377 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—
378 (3) Each institute must be co-administered in this state
379 by a university-community college partnership, ~~as designated in~~
380 ~~subsection (5)~~, and must have a private sector and public sector
381 advisory committee. The advisory committee must be
382 representative of the international education and commercial
383 interests of the state and may have members who are native to
384 the foreign country partner. Six members must be appointed by
385 the Department of Education. The Department of Education must
386 appoint at least one member who is an international educator.
387 The presidents, or their designees, of the participating
388 university and community college must also serve on the advisory
389 committee.
390 (4) The institutes are:
391 (a) Florida-Brazil Institute (University of Florida and
392 Miami Dade College).
393 (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University
394 and Valencia College).
395 (c) Florida Caribbean Institute (Florida International
396 University and Daytona State College).
397 (d) Florida-Canada Institute (University of Central
398 Florida and Palm Beach State College).
399 (e) ~~Florida-China Institute (University of West Florida,~~
400 ~~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 ~~criteria, 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:**

501 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

502 (3) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's

503 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic
504 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic
505 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian
506 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under
507 ef significant control of such foreign country of concern.

508 **Section 13. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created**

509 **to read:**

510 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure

511 facilities from foreign source of concern.—

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

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

514 112.312.

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

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

518 287.138(1).

519 (2) (a) A governmental entity or a business entity
520 constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having
521 significant access to a critical infrastructure facility may not
522 enter into a contract or other agreement relating to a critical
523 infrastructure facility in this state with a foreign source of
524 concern if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign
525 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,

651 duties, and privileges of residents of this state.

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

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

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

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

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