

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  
9           registrants and organizations to disclose certain  
10          payments; requiring foreign-supported political  
11          organizations to register with the division on a  
12          specified form created by the division within a  
13          specified timeframe; providing requirements for such  
14          forms; providing penalties; amending s. 112.313, F.S.;  
15          defining the terms "designated foreign terrorist  
16          organization" and "foreign country of concern";  
17          prohibiting specified persons from soliciting or  
18          accepting anything of value from a designated foreign  
19          terrorist organization, a foreign country of concern,  
20          or persons or entities representing such organizations  
21          or countries; amending s. 112.3142, F.S.; requiring  
22          the Commission on Ethics to adopt certain rules by a  
23          specified date; amending s. 205.0532, F.S.;  
24          authorizing any appropriate tax collector to revoke or  
25          refuse to renew business tax receipts of specified

26 individuals, businesses, or entities; authorizing such  
27 tax collector or a local governing authority to  
28 request a specified sworn affidavit or declaration  
29 from such individual, business, or entity; providing  
30 criminal penalties; amending s. 287.138, F.S.;  
31 providing and revising definitions; prohibiting a  
32 governmental entity from entering into certain  
33 contracts with foreign sources of concern; prohibiting  
34 governmental entities from extending and renewing  
35 certain contracts beginning on a specified date;  
36 prohibiting governmental entities from accepting a bid  
37 on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or entering into,  
38 contracts involving information technology or  
39 providing access to an individual's personal  
40 identifying information unless a certain affidavit  
41 signed by an officer or a representative is provided  
42 to the governmental entity; authorizing a governmental  
43 entity to enter into, extend, or renew certain  
44 contracts if the Department of Management Services  
45 makes specified written determinations; requiring the  
46 department to submit to the Governor and Legislature  
47 specified written reports beginning on a specified  
48 date; providing applicability; authorizing the  
49 department to create a specified list and to adopt  
50 rules; amending s. 288.816, F.S.; prohibiting certain

51 activities encouraging affiliations with foreign  
52 countries of concern; requiring the Department of  
53 Commerce to publish and update certain information on  
54 its website; amending s. 288.8175, F.S.; removing the  
55 Florida-China Institute from the list of linkage  
56 institutes; removing an exemption for linkage  
57 institutes; prohibiting a linkage institute from  
58 entering into an agreement or participating in an  
59 activity with a foreign country of concern; amending  
60 s. 288.854, F.S.; authorizing the Governor to suspend  
61 certain laws or rules relating to Cuba for a specified  
62 period under certain circumstances; prohibiting such  
63 suspension from being renewed or extended; prohibiting  
64 the Governor from suspending the same laws or rules  
65 without express authorization from the Legislature;  
66 requiring the Governor to submit to the Legislature  
67 certain written recommendations within a specified  
68 timeframe; providing for future legislative repeal of  
69 certain provisions; amending s. 288.860, F.S.;  
70 requiring certain agreements to be terminated by a  
71 specified date; amending 316.0078, F.S.; revising the  
72 definitions of the terms "controlling interest" and  
73 "foreign country of concern"; amending s. 496.404,  
74 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "foreign  
75 source of concern"; amending s. 692.201, F.S.;

76 | revising the definition of the term "foreign country  
77 | of concern"; creating s. 692.21, F.S.; providing  
78 | definitions; prohibiting certain entities with access  
79 | to critical infrastructure facilities from entering  
80 | into certain contracts or agreements with foreign  
81 | sources of concern; requiring certain entities to  
82 | register with the Department of Commerce by a  
83 | specified date; requiring the department to adopt  
84 | registration forms; providing requirements for such  
85 | forms; providing civil and criminal penalties;  
86 | requiring certain entities to provide a signed  
87 | affidavit to the department attesting that the buyer  
88 | or transferee of a critical infrastructure facility is  
89 | not a foreign source of concern; prohibiting  
90 | information technology from a foreign source of  
91 | concern from being used in critical infrastructure  
92 | facilities; authorizing a governmental entity or  
93 | business entity to enter into certain contracts or  
94 | agreements if the department, in consultation with the  
95 | Department of Management Services, makes specified  
96 | written determinations; requiring the Department of  
97 | Commerce to submit to the Governor and Legislature  
98 | specified written reports beginning on a specified  
99 | date; providing applicability; requiring the  
100 | department to adopt rules; creating s. 775.08255,

101 F.S.; providing definitions; providing for the  
 102 reclassification of criminal penalties under certain  
 103 circumstances; providing a minimum mandatory term of  
 104 imprisonment; creating s. 775.36, F.S.; providing  
 105 definitions; prohibiting enforcement of certain laws  
 106 of a foreign government; providing criminal penalties;  
 107 amending s. 282.802, F.S.; conforming a cross-  
 108 reference; providing an effective date.

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

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

114 **Section 2. Section 106.031, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 115 **to read:**

116 106.031 Registration of agents and organizations  
 117 associated with foreign nations.-

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

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

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

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

126 concern;

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

129 3. Who engages in political activity on behalf of a  
130 foreign country of concern.

131 (c) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
132 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
133 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
134 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
135 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
136 significant control of such foreign country of concern.

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

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

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

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

150 (f) "Political activity" means an activity that is

151 performed to:

152 1. Influence an agency, a public official, or a local  
153 governmental entity;

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

156 3. Support or oppose a candidate for office;

157 4. Influence the outcome of an election; or

158 5. Support or oppose any issue.

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

163 (b)1. The division shall create a form for the  
164 registration required under paragraph (a). Such form must  
165 require, at a minimum, all of the following information:

166 a. The registrant's name.

167 b. The address of the registrant's primary residence and  
168 all other addresses associated with the registrant.

169 c. The name and address of the registrant's principal  
170 place of business.

171 d. A detailed statement describing the nature of the  
172 registrant's business.

173 e. The name of each foreign country of concern for whom  
174 the registrant is acting, is assuming or purporting to act, or  
175 has agreed to act.

176 f. A detailed statement describing the nature of the work  
177 and the character of the business or other activities of each  
178 foreign country of concern identified in sub-subparagraph e.

179 g. A statement detailing each time the registrant received  
180 a payment from a foreign country of concern identified in sub-  
181 subparagraph e. within the previous 90 days. The statement must  
182 identify the amount of the payment and the nature of such  
183 payment.

184 h. The total amount of such payments the registrant has  
185 received within the previous 90 days from a foreign country of  
186 concern identified in sub-subparagraph e.

187 i. A detailed statement of every activity the registrant,  
188 or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is performing,  
189 has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of a foreign  
190 country of concern identified in sub-subparagraph e.

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

196 (I) The name, employer, business and residence addresses,  
197 and, if applicable, nationality of such person.

198 (II) A detailed statement of every activity the  
199 registrant, or a person acting on behalf of the registrant, is  
200 performing, has performed, or has agreed to perform on behalf of

201 such person.

202 (III) A statement detailing each time the registrant  
203 received a payment from such person within the previous 90 days.  
204 The statement must identify the amount of the payment and the  
205 nature of such payment.

206 k. A detailed statement itemizing the payments made by the  
207 registrant during the previous 90 days in connection with  
208 actions taken by the registrant as an agent of, on behalf of, or  
209 in furtherance of the goals of a foreign country of concern or a  
210 person identified in sub-subparagraph j.

211 1. A detailed statement itemizing any payments relating to  
212 political activity within this state made by the registrant  
213 during the previous 90 days.

214 2. A registrant is required to disclose only payments that  
215 are known or reasonably knowable to the registrant in the  
216 ordinary course of business. A payment is reasonably knowable if  
217 the information is obtainable through standard internal  
218 accounting practices, routine contracting documentation, or  
219 other customary review of business records. A registrant is not  
220 required to undertake extraordinary investigative measures to  
221 determine the existence or origin of a payment.

222 (c) A registrant must update the information required  
223 under subparagraph (b)1. at least every 90 days.

224 (d) A person must register as an agent of a foreign  
225 country of concern for any period of time he or she was engaged

226 in such position.

227 (3) (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, each foreign-supported  
228 political organization must register with the division.

229 (b)1. The division shall create a form for the  
230 registration required under paragraph (a). The form must  
231 require, at a minimum, all of the following information:

232 a. The organization's name and mailing address and the  
233 address of any physical office.

234 b. The names, titles, and primary business addresses of  
235 any officers or directors of the organization.

236 c. A detailed statement itemizing any payments made by the  
237 organization that would constitute political activity within  
238 this state during the previous calendar year.

239 d. A detailed statement itemizing any payments exceeding  
240 \$500 made to, or received by, the organization from a foreign  
241 country of concern or an agent of a foreign country of concern  
242 during the previous calendar year to the extent that such  
243 payments were made for the purpose of engaging in political  
244 activity.

245 2. An organization is required to disclose only payments  
246 that are known or reasonably knowable to the organization in the  
247 ordinary course of business. A payment is reasonably knowable if  
248 the information is obtainable through standard internal  
249 accounting practices, routine contracting documentation, or  
250 other customary review of business records. An organization is

251 not required to undertake extraordinary investigative measures  
252 to determine the existence or origin of a payment.

253 (c) An organization must update the information required  
254 under subparagraph (b)1. at least every 90 days.

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

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

260 (b) For any repeated willful violation, a fine of up to  
261 \$2,000 per violation.

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

264 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,  
265 employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

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

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

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

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

275 (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

276        (a) ~~A~~ ~~Ne~~ public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
 277 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
 278 may not shall solicit or accept anything of value to the  
 279 recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future  
 280 employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that  
 281 the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer,  
 282 employee, local government attorney, or candidate would be  
 283 influenced thereby.

284        (b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local  
 285 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election  
 286 may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,  
 287 including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,  
 288 favor, or service, for any purpose, from a designated foreign  
 289 terrorist organization, a foreign country of concern or any of  
 290 its subdivisions, or any person or entity representing or acting  
 291 on behalf of a designated foreign terrorist organization or  
 292 foreign country of concern or any of its subdivisions.

293        **Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**  
 294 **112.3142, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

295        112.3142 Ethics training for specified constitutional  
 296 officers, elected municipal officers, commissioners of community  
 297 redevelopment agencies, and elected local officers of  
 298 independent special districts.—

299        (2)

300        (e) The commission shall adopt rules establishing minimum

301 course content for the portion of an ethics training class which  
302 addresses s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution and the Code  
303 of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. By November 1,  
304 2026, the commission shall adopt revised rules to supplement the  
305 minimum course content, including all of the following:

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

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

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

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

316 205.0532 Revocation or refusal to renew; doing business  
317 with Cuba.—

318 (1) Any appropriate tax collector or local governing  
319 authority issuing a business tax receipt to any individual,  
320 business, or entity under this chapter may revoke or refuse to  
321 renew such receipt if the individual, business, or entity, ~~or~~  
322 ~~parent company of such individual, business, or entity,~~ is doing  
323 business with Cuba in violation of federal law.

324 (2) Any appropriate tax collector or local governing  
325 authority may request a sworn affidavit or declaration from any

326 individual, business, or entity attesting to whether the  
327 individual, business, or entity is doing business with Cuba in  
328 violation of federal law.

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

333 **Section 6. Subsections (5), (6), and (7) of section**  
334 **287.138, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7),**  
335 **(8), and (9), respectively, subsections (1) through (4) and**  
336 **present subsection (6) of that section are amended, and new**  
337 **subsections (5) and (6) are added to that section, to read:**

338 287.138 Contracting with entities of foreign sources  
339 ~~countries~~ of concern prohibited.—

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

341 ~~(a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power~~  
342 ~~to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies~~  
343 ~~of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by~~  
344 ~~contract, or otherwise. A person or entity that directly or~~  
345 ~~indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the~~  
346 ~~voting interests of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or~~  
347 ~~more of its profits is presumed to possess a controlling~~  
348 ~~interest.~~

349 ~~(a)~~ ~~(b)~~ "Department" means the Department of Management  
350 Services.

351 (b)-(e) "Foreign source country of concern" has the same  
 352 meaning as in s. 496.404 ~~means the People's Republic of China,~~  
 353 ~~the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the~~  
 354 ~~Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the~~  
 355 ~~Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab~~  
 356 ~~Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of~~  
 357 ~~significant control of such foreign country of concern.~~

358 (c)-(d) "Governmental entity" means any state, county,  
 359 district, authority, or municipal officer, department, division,  
 360 board, bureau, commission, or other separate unit of government  
 361 created or established by law including, but not limited to, the  
 362 Commission on Ethics, the Public Service Commission, the Office  
 363 of Public Counsel, and any other public or private agency,  
 364 person, partnership, corporation, or business entity acting on  
 365 behalf of any public agency.

366 (d) "Information technology" has the same meaning as in s.  
 367 282.0041.

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

372 (b) A governmental entity may not knowingly enter into a  
 373 contract for information technology with a foreign source of  
 374 concern, or through a third-party seller when the information  
 375 technology is designed, manufactured, or assembled by a foreign

376 source of concern, or for any services relating to information  
377 technology with a foreign source of concern if:

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

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

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

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

390 (4) (a) Beginning July 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2024~~, a  
391 governmental entity may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or  
392 a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an entity which would  
393 grant the entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
394 information or involve information technology unless the entity  
395 provides the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by an  
396 officer or representative of the entity under penalty of perjury  
397 attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of concern  
398 ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2) (a) - (c).~~

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

401 the entity access to an individual's personal identifying  
402 information or which involves information technology, the entity  
403 must provide the governmental entity with an affidavit signed by  
404 an officer or representative of the entity under penalty of  
405 perjury attesting that the entity is not a foreign source of  
406 concern ~~does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2) (a)~~  
407 ~~(e)~~.

408 (5) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
409 section, a governmental entity may enter into, extend, or renew  
410 a contract involving information technology which is otherwise  
411 prohibited by this section if the department makes a written  
412 determination that:

413 1. There is no reasonable alternative available to address  
414 a specific need.

415 2. Failure to enter into the contract would pose a greater  
416 risk to public health, public safety, or economic security than  
417 the risk associated with entering into the contract.

418 3. The contract includes mitigation measures deemed  
419 necessary by the department to reduce any risk to this state.

420 (b) Beginning January 1, 2027, the department shall submit  
421 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
422 the House of Representatives a written quarterly report  
423 detailing each contract entered into pursuant to this  
424 subsection.

425 (6) (a) This section does not apply to information

426 technology that is incapable of remote access to or control of  
427 critical infrastructure.

428 (b) The department may create a nonexhaustive list of  
429 information technology that violates this section.

430 (c) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
431 section.

432 (8)~~(6)~~ Any penalties collected under subsection (7) ~~(5)~~  
433 must be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

434 **Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section**  
435 **288.816, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (7) is**  
436 **added to that section, to read:**

437 288.816 Intergovernmental relations.—

438 (3) The state protocol officer may:

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

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

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

450 (b) A current and accurate list of all sister city and

451 sister state affiliations, including a copy of all such  
452 agreements.

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

457 288.8175 Linkage institutes between postsecondary  
458 institutions in this state and foreign countries.—

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

471 (4) The institutes are:

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

474 (b) Florida-Costa Rica Institute (Florida State University  
475 and Valencia College).

476 (c) Florida Caribbean Institute (Florida International  
477 University and Daytona State College).

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

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

482 (e)~~(f)~~ Florida-Japan Institute (University of South  
483 Florida, University of West Florida, and St. Petersburg  
484 College).

485 (f)~~(g)~~ Florida-France Institute (New College of the  
486 University of South Florida, Miami Dade College, and Florida  
487 State University).

488 (g)~~(h)~~ Florida-Israel Institute (Florida Atlantic  
489 University and Broward College).

490 (h)~~(i)~~ Florida-West Africa Institute (Florida Agricultural  
491 and Mechanical University, University of North Florida, and  
492 Florida State College at Jacksonville).

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

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

497 ~~(5) Each institute is allowed to exempt from s. 1009.21 up  
498 to 25 full-time equivalent students per year from the respective  
499 host countries to study in any of the state universities or  
500 community colleges in this state as resident students for~~

501 ~~tuition purposes. The institute directors shall develop~~  
502 ~~criteria, to be approved by the Department of Education, for the~~  
503 ~~selection of these students. Students must return home within 3~~  
504 ~~years after their tenure of graduate or undergraduate study for~~  
505 ~~a length of time equal to their exemption period.~~

506 (7) A linkage institute may not enter into any agreement  
507 or participate in any activities with a foreign country of  
508 concern as defined in s. 288.860(1) or any organization in a  
509 foreign country of concern.

510 **Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 288.854, Florida**  
511 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (5), and a new subsection**  
512 **(4) is added to that section to read:**

513 288.854 Support for a free and independent Cuba.—

514 (4) (a) If the Federal Government changes the diplomatic  
515 status of Cuba, the Governor may, by executive order, suspend  
516 the provisions of any statute or rule restricting interactions  
517 with Cuba for a period not to exceed adjournment sine die of the  
518 regular session of the Legislature after such suspension. A  
519 suspension expires upon adjournment sine die of such regular  
520 session of the Legislature. A suspension may not be renewed or  
521 extended.

522 (b) If the Governor suspends a statute or rule under  
523 paragraph (a), he or she may not subsequently suspend the same  
524 statute or rule relating to Cuba unless expressly authorized by  
525 the Legislature.

526 (c) At least 30 days before the next regular session of  
 527 the Legislature following a change in Cuba's diplomatic status  
 528 by the Federal Government, the Governor shall submit to the  
 529 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 530 Representatives written recommendations for policy changes, if  
 531 any, that should be considered by the Legislature concerning  
 532 Cuba. However, if the change in Cuba's diplomatic status occurs  
 533 within 30 days before the convening of the next regular session  
 534 of the Legislature or during the regular session of the  
 535 Legislature, the Governor shall submit such recommendations as  
 536 soon as practicable.

537 (d) This subsection is repealed October 2, 2028, unless  
 538 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

539 **Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 288.860, Florida**  
 540 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

541 288.860 International cultural agreements.—

542 (2)(a) A state agency, political subdivision, or public  
 543 school authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad  
 544 valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or  
 545 accept any grant from a foreign country of concern or its  
 546 subdivisions, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of  
 547 concern.

548 (b) All agreements under paragraph (a), including, but not  
 549 limited to, sister city agreements, are terminated as of July 1,  
 550 2026., which:

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

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

556 ~~(c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or~~  
 557 ~~security of the United States or its residents. Before the~~  
 558 ~~execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign~~  
 559 ~~country of concern, the substance of the agreement must be~~  
 560 ~~shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national~~  
 561 ~~security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other~~  
 562 ~~restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides~~  
 563 ~~information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda~~  
 564 ~~detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or~~  
 565 ~~its residents, the public entity may not enter into the~~  
 566 ~~agreement.~~

567 **Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 316.0078, Florida**  
 568 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

569 316.0078 Prohibition on contracting for camera systems of  
 570 vendors of foreign countries of concern.—

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

572 (a) "Controlling interest" means possession of the power  
 573 to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies  
 574 of a company, whether through ownership of securities, by  
 575 contract, or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or

576 indirectly has 25 percent or more of the voting interests of a  
577 company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its profits is  
578 presumed to possess a controlling interest. ~~and~~

579 (b) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
580 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
581 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
582 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
583 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of  
584 significant control of such foreign country of concern ~~have the~~  
585 ~~same meanings as in s. 287.138(1).~~

586 **Section 12. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (14) of**  
587 **section 496.404, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph**  
588 **(g) is added to that subsection, to read:**

589 496.404 Definitions.—As used in ss. 496.401-496.424, the  
590 term:

591 (14) "Foreign source of concern" means any of the  
592 following:

593 (e) An agent, including a subsidiary or an affiliate of a  
594 foreign legal entity, acting on behalf of a foreign source of  
595 concern; ~~or~~

596 (f) An entity in which a person, entity, or collection of  
597 persons or entities described in paragraphs (a)-(e) has a  
598 controlling interest. As used in this paragraph, the term  
599 "controlling interest" means the possession of the power to  
600 direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of

601 an entity, whether through ownership of securities, by contract,  
 602 or otherwise. A person or an entity that directly or indirectly  
 603 has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting interest  
 604 of the company or is entitled to 25 percent or more of its  
 605 profits is presumed to possess a controlling interest; or

606 (g) A designated foreign terrorist organization as defined  
 607 in s. 775.32(1) or an agent acting on behalf of a designated  
 608 foreign terrorist organization.

609 **Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 692.201, Florida**  
 610 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

611 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

612 (3) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's  
 613 Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic  
 614 of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic  
 615 of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian  
 616 Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under  
 617 ~~of~~ significant control of such foreign country of concern.

618 **Section 14. Section 692.21, Florida Statutes, is created**  
 619 **to read:**

620 692.21 Protection of state critical infrastructure  
 621 facilities from foreign sources of concern.—

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

623 (a) "Business entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
 624 112.312.

625 (b) "Foreign source of concern" has the same meaning as in

626 s. 496.404.

627 (c) "Governmental entity" has the same meaning as in s.  
628 287.138(1).

629 (d) "Information technology" has the same meaning as in s.  
630 282.0041.

631 (2) (a) A governmental entity or a business entity  
632 constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having  
633 significant access to a critical infrastructure facility may not  
634 enter into a contract or other agreement relating to a critical  
635 infrastructure facility in this state with a foreign source of  
636 concern if the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign  
637 source of concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise  
638 control such critical infrastructure facility.

639 (b) A foreign source of concern may not enter into a  
640 contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure  
641 facilities in this state with a business entity constructing,  
642 repairing, operating, or otherwise having significant access to  
643 critical infrastructure facilities, or a governmental entity, if  
644 the contract or agreement authorizes the foreign source of  
645 concern to directly or remotely access or otherwise control such  
646 critical infrastructure facility.

647 (3) (a) Beginning January 1, 2027, a business entity  
648 constructing, repairing, operating, or otherwise having  
649 significant access to a critical infrastructure facility in this  
650 state which entered into a contract or other agreement before

651 July 1, 2026, with a foreign source of concern relating to such  
652 critical infrastructure facility must register with the  
653 Department of Commerce by January 1 of each year for the  
654 remainder of the term of the contract or agreement with the  
655 foreign source of concern relating to such critical  
656 infrastructure facility. The Department of Commerce shall adopt  
657 a registration form that includes all of the following:

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

661 2. The address of the critical infrastructure facility the  
662 business entity is constructing, repairing, or operating or to  
663 which the business entity otherwise has significant access.

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

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

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

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

673 (4) Before commencing any sale or other transfer of  
674 control of a critical infrastructure facility in this state, the  
675 business entity selling or otherwise transferring control of

676 such critical infrastructure facility must provide an affidavit,  
677 signed under penalty of perjury, to the Department of Commerce  
678 attesting that the buyer or transferee is not a foreign source  
679 of concern.

680 (5) (a) Information technology produced or manufactured by  
681 a foreign source of concern may not be used in a critical  
682 infrastructure facility located in this state.

683 (b)1. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a governmental entity  
684 or business entity may enter into a contract or other agreement  
685 with a foreign source of concern to use information technology  
686 that is otherwise prohibited in paragraph (a) in a critical  
687 infrastructure facility if the Department of Commerce, in  
688 consultation with the Department of Management Services, makes a  
689 written determination that:

690 a. There is no reasonable alternative available to address  
691 a specific need relating to a critical infrastructure facility  
692 in this state.

693 b. Failure to enter into the contract or agreement would  
694 pose a greater risk to public health, public safety, or economic  
695 security than the risk associated with entering into the  
696 contract or agreement.

697 c. The contract or agreement includes mitigation measures  
698 deemed necessary by the Department of Commerce, in consultation  
699 with the Department of Management Services, to reduce any risk  
700 to this state.

701 2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the Department of Commerce  
702 shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and  
703 the Speaker of the House of Representatives a written quarterly  
704 report detailing each contract or agreement entered into  
705 pursuant to this paragraph.

706 (c) This subsection does not apply to information  
707 technology that is incapable of remote access to or control of  
708 critical infrastructure.

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

711 **Section 15. Section 775.08255, Florida Statutes, is**  
712 **created to read:**

713 775.08255 Offenses by foreign agents; reclassification.—

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

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

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

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

723 (2) The penalty for any misdemeanor or felony may be  
724 reclassified if the commission of such misdemeanor or felony was  
725 for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the

726 interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
727 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
728 designated foreign terrorist organization. The reclassification  
729 is as follows:

730 (a) A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to  
731 a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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

734 (c) A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a  
735 felony of the second degree.

736 (d) A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a  
737 felony of the first degree.

738 (e) A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life  
739 felony.

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

744 **Section 16. Section 775.36, Florida Statutes, is created**  
745 **to read:**

746 775.36 Unauthorized enforcement of foreign law.—

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

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

751 designated foreign terrorist organization.

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

754 (c) "Foreign government" has the same meaning as in s.  
755 286.101(1).

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

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

761 (b) Investigate, monitor, or surveil another person in  
762 this state for the purpose of preventing the other person from  
763 violating the laws of a foreign government which are not also  
764 the laws of this state or the United States.

765 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of  
766 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
767 775.083, or s. 775.084. However, a person who violates this  
768 section for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering  
769 the interests of a foreign government, a designated foreign  
770 terrorist organization, or an agent of a foreign government or  
771 designated foreign terrorist organization commits a felony of  
772 the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
773 775.083, or s. 775.084.

774 **Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section**  
775 **282.802, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

776 282.802 Government Technology Modernization Council.—

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

778 1. Recommend legislative and administrative actions that  
 779 the Legislature and state agencies as defined in s. 282.318(2)  
 780 may take to promote the development of data modernization in  
 781 this state.

782 2. Assess and provide guidance on necessary legislative  
 783 reforms and the creation of a state code of ethics for  
 784 artificial intelligence systems in state government.

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

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

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

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

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

804           **Section 18.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.