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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to systems of law and terrorist organizations; providing legislative intent and findings; creating s. 2.05, F.S.; prohibiting the application of certain law in adjudicatory proceedings in a manner that violates a constitutional right; providing exceptions; amending s. 775.33, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts or conspires to provide material support or resources to a domestic terrorist organization commits a specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing that a person who willfully becomes a member of a domestic terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control of such organization with a specified intent commits a specified crime; amending s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of "terrorist organization" to include a domestic terrorist organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an organization a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements are met; requiring the Chief to maintain a list of such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each

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26 designation within a specified time period; requiring  
27 the Chief to provide specified written notice to the  
28 Cabinet within a certain time period before making the  
29 designation; requiring the Cabinet to approve by a  
30 majority vote the designation; requiring the Chief to  
31 publish such designation in the Florida Administrative  
32 Register within a specified time period after approval  
33 of the designation by the Cabinet; authorizing a  
34 designated organization to seek judicial review;  
35 authorizing the enhancement of penalties; providing  
36 for removal of such designation in certain  
37 circumstances; prohibiting state agencies, political  
38 subdivisions, and public school districts from  
39 expending certain public funds to support an  
40 organization designated a domestic terrorist  
41 organization or a foreign terrorist organization;  
42 requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt  
43 rules; amending s. 1002.421, F.S.; revising  
44 eligibility and obligations of private schools that  
45 participate in the state school choice scholarship  
46 program; amending s. 1004.06, F.S.; prohibiting  
47 certain institutions from expending public funds to  
48 promote, support, or maintain programs or campus  
49 activities that advocate for domestic terrorist  
50 organizations or foreign terrorist organizations;

51 authorizing the withholding of specified funding of  
52 certain institutions; amending s. 1006.61, F.S.;  
53 requiring public postsecondary educational  
54 institutions to report specified information of a  
55 student in certain circumstances; requiring immediate  
56 expulsion of such student from the institution;  
57 defining the terms "designated foreign terrorist  
58 organization" and "domestic terrorist organization";  
59 amending s. 1009.01, F.S.; defining the terms  
60 "domestic terrorist organization" and "foreign  
61 terrorist organization"; amending ss. 1009.23 and  
62 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that certain students of  
63 Florida College System institutions and state  
64 universities be immediately expelled and assessed out-  
65 of-state fees after a determination has been made such  
66 students have promoted a domestic terrorist  
67 organization or a foreign terrorist organization;  
68 amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing that certain  
69 students of school districts and Florida College  
70 System institutions are ineligible for specified fee  
71 waivers; creating s. 1009.8963, F.S.; prohibiting  
72 students who promote domestic terrorist organization  
73 or foreign terrorist organizations from being awarded  
74 certain public institution funds; providing an  
75 effective date.

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77        WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the United States and  
78 Florida Constitutions guarantee the free exercise of religion  
79 and that the United States and the State of Florida have a long  
80 and cherished history of protecting religious freedom; and

81        WHEREAS, the right to the free exercise of religion is not  
82 absolute and cannot interfere with the peace and order of  
83 society or the security and rights of others; and

84        WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has acknowledged  
85 that the United States Constitution does not prohibit public  
86 authorities from regulating conduct or actions, even if  
87 motivated by religion, that "have invariably posed *some*  
88 *substantial threat to public safety, peace or order,*" *Sherbert*  
89 *v. Verner*, 374 U.S. 398, 403 (1963); and

90        WHEREAS, Article I, section 3 of the Florida Constitution  
91 provides that "[r]eligious freedom shall not justify practices  
92 inconsistent with public morals, peace or safety"; and

93        WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that certain practices  
94 inherent to Sharia law—such as non-consensual and child  
95 marriages, public stoning or lashings, physical warfare against  
96 non-Muslims, discriminatory treatment of women, and amputation  
97 of limbs for crimes such as theft—violate the fundamental rights  
98 of persons, undermine the peace and order of society, and are  
99 deeply incompatible with the United States and Florida  
100 Constitutions; and

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101        WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that no public or  
102        private authority or tribunal in the State of Florida should  
103        enforce any religious practice, including any practice of Sharia  
104        law, that violates constitutional rights, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

108        **Section 1. Section 2.05, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
109        **read:**

110        2.05 Application of religious or foreign law.—

111        (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

112        (a) "Religious law" means a legal code or formal system of  
113        law that is associated with a religion and is based on the  
114        sacred texts or traditions of such religion. The term includes  
115        Sharia law.

116        (b) "Foreign law" means a legal code or formal system of  
117        law of a foreign country or nation, or of an international  
118        organization.

119        (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the terms "religious  
120        law" and "foreign law" do not include the following:

121        (a) The natural law or natural rights, as such law or  
122        rights are understood within the legal tradition of the United  
123        States or this state.

124        (b) A provision of the United States Constitution or a  
125        constitution of one of the several states.

126        (c) A provision of domestic federal or state law.

127        (d) The common law, including the common law as described  
128        in s. 2.01.

129        (e) A provision of law of a Native American tribe within a  
130        state or territory of the United States.

131        (3) A court, administrative law judge, hearing officer,  
132        agency, or arbitration panel or tribunal may not enforce a  
133        provision of religious law or foreign law against a person if  
134        such application would violate a constitutional right of such  
135        person under the United States Constitution or the Florida  
136        Constitution.

137        (4) This section does not apply to adjudication of  
138        ecclesiastical matters of a religious organization, including  
139        the selection, appointment, discipline, or removal of clergy or  
140        interpretation of doctrine.

141        **Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 775.30,**  
142        **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

143        775.30 Terrorism; defined; penalties.—

144        (1) As used in this chapter and the Florida Criminal Code,  
145        the term:

146        (a) terms "Terrorism" or "terrorist activity" means mean  
147        an activity that:

148        1. (a) Involves:

149        a.1. A violent act or an act dangerous to human life which  
150        is a violation of the criminal laws of this state or of the

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151      United States; or

152      b.2. A violation of s. 815.06; and

153      2.(b) Is intended to:

154      a.1. Intimidate, injure, or coerce a civilian population;

155      b.2. Influence the policy of a government by intimidation

156      or coercion; or

157      c.3. Affect the conduct of government through destruction

158      of property, assassination, murder, kidnapping, or aircraft

159      piracy.

160      (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an

161      organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization by

162      the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

163      (3) A person who violates commits a violation of

164      subsection (2) which results in death or serious bodily injury

165      commits a life felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.

166      775.083, or s. 775.084. As used in this subsection, the term

167      "serious bodily injury" means an injury to a person which

168      creates a substantial risk of death, serious personal

169      disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function

170      of a bodily member or an organ.

171      **Section 3. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1)**

172      **of section 775.32, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**

173      **paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively, subsections (2),**

174      **(3), and (4) are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to**

175      **subsection (1) of that section, to read:**

176        775.32 Use of military-type training provided by a  
177        ~~designated foreign terrorist organization~~ organizations organization.—

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

179        (c) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an  
180        organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization by  
181        the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

182        (2) A person who has received military-type training from  
183        a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic  
184        terrorist organization may not use, attempt to use, or conspire  
185        to use such military-type training with the intent to unlawfully  
186        harm another person or damage a critical infrastructure  
187        facility.

188        (3) A person who violates commits a violation of  
189        subsection (2) commits a felony of the second degree, punishable  
190        as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

191        (4) A person who violates commits a violation of  
192        subsection (2) which results in the death of, or serious bodily  
193        injury to, a person commits a felony of the first degree,  
194        punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

195        **Section 4. Paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) of subsection**  
196        **(1) of section 775.33, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as**  
197        **paragraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively, subsections (3)**  
198        **and (5) are amended, and paragraph (b) is added to subsection**  
199        **(1) of that section, to read:**

200        775.33 Providing material support or resources for

201      terrorism or to terrorist organizations.—

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

203              (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an  
204              organization designated as a domestic terrorist organization by  
205              the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102.

206          (3) A person who knowingly provides material support or  
207          resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization or a  
208          domestic terrorist organization, or attempts or conspires to do  
209          so, commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided  
210          in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. To violate this  
211          subsection, a person must have knowledge that the organization  
212          is a designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic  
213          terrorist organization, or that the organization has engaged in  
214          or engages in terrorism or terrorist activity.

215          (5) (a) For purposes of prosecution under subsection (2) or  
216          subsection (3), a person is deemed to provide material support  
217          or resources by providing personnel if the person knowingly  
218          provides, attempts to provide, or conspires to provide himself  
219          or herself or another person to:

220              1. Work under the direction and control of a designated  
221              foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist  
222              organization, or a person engaged in, or intending to engage in,  
223              an act of terrorism; or

224              2. Organize, manage, supervise, or otherwise direct the  
225              operations of a designated foreign terrorist organization or a

226 domestic terrorist organization, or a person engaged in, or  
227 intending to engage in, an act of terrorism.

228 (b) An individual who acts entirely independently of the  
229 designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic  
230 terrorist organization, or the person engaged in, or intending  
231 to engage in, an act of terrorism to advance the organization's  
232 or person's goals or objectives is not working under the  
233 direction and control of the designated foreign terrorist  
234 organization or domestic terrorist organization or person  
235 engaged in, or intending to engage in, an act of terrorism.

236 **Section 5. Section 775.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
237 read:**

238 775.34 Membership in a ~~designated foreign~~ terrorist  
239 organizations organization.—

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

241 (a) "Designated foreign terrorist organization" has the  
242 same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.

243 (b) "Domestic terrorist organization" has the same meaning  
244 as provided in s. 943.03102.

245 (2) A person who willfully becomes a member of a  
246 designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic  
247 terrorist organization and serves under the direction or control  
248 of that organization with the intent to further the illegal acts  
249 of the organization commits a felony of the second degree,  
250 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

251 As used in this section, the term "designated foreign terrorist  
252 organization" has the same meaning as provided in s. 775.32.

253 **Section 6. Subsection (7) of section 874.03, Florida  
254 Statutes, is amended to read:**

255 874.03 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

256 (7) "Terrorist organization" means any organized group  
257 engaged in or organized for the purpose of engaging in terrorism  
258 as defined in s. 775.30. The term includes a domestic terrorist  
259 organization and a foreign terrorist organization, as designated  
260 by the Chief of Domestic Security under s. 943.03102. This  
261 definition does not shall not be construed to prevent  
262 prosecution under this chapter of individuals acting alone.

263 **Section 7. Section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, is created  
264 to read:**

265 943.03102 Designation of terrorist organizations.—

266 (1) (a) In order to ensure the safety of this state, and  
267 the safety of the residents of this state, the Chief of Domestic  
268 Security may designate an organization:

269 1. A domestic terrorist organization if the Chief of  
270 Domestic Security finds that the organization meets the  
271 following criteria:

272 a. The organization is based or operates in this state or  
273 the United States.

274 b. The organization is engaging in terrorist activities  
275 that:

276        (I) Involve acts dangerous to human life that violate  
277        state or federal law; or

278        (II) Are intended to:

279        (A) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

280        (B) Influence the policy of a government by intimidation  
281        or coercion; or

282        (C) Affect the conduct of a government by mass  
283        destruction, assassination, or kidnapping.

284        c. The terrorist activity of the organization is an  
285        ongoing threat to the security of this state or the United  
286        States.

287        2. A foreign terrorist organization if the Chief of  
288        Domestic Security finds that the organization meets the  
289        following criteria:

290        a. The organization is designated as a foreign terrorist  
291        organization by the United States Secretary of State pursuant to  
292        s. 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

293        b. The terrorist activity of the organization is an  
294        ongoing threat to the security of this state or the United  
295        States.

296        (b) The Chief of Domestic Security must maintain a list of  
297        organizations that he or she designates as domestic terrorist  
298        organizations or foreign terrorist organizations.

299        (c) At least once every 5 years, the Chief of Domestic  
300        Security must review each designation made under paragraph (a)

301 which labels an organization a domestic terrorist organization  
302 or a foreign terrorist organization.

303 (2) (a) At least seven days before making a designation  
304 under subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security must  
305 provide written notice to the Cabinet of his or her intent to  
306 designate an organization as a domestic terrorist organization  
307 or a foreign terrorist organization, which notice must be  
308 accompanied by written findings regarding the basis for such  
309 designation.

310 (b) Upon receipt of written notice made pursuant to  
311 paragraph (a), the Cabinet may, by a majority vote, approve or  
312 reject a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security  
313 under subsection (1).

314 (c) Within seven days after approval by the Cabinet of a  
315 designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under  
316 subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security must publish the  
317 designation in the Florida Administrative Register.

318 (d) Within 30 days after publication of a designation in  
319 the Florida Administrative Register, the organization designated  
320 as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist  
321 organization, or any member of such organization, may challenge  
322 such designation in the circuit court of the Second Judicial  
323 Circuit in and for Leon County.

324 (e) Any criminal penalties imposed against a terrorist  
325 organization may be enhanced as provided by law.

326        (3) (a) An organization designated as a domestic terrorist  
327        organization or a foreign terrorist organization may petition  
328        the department, at any time, for the removal of such  
329        designation.

330        (b) At any time, the Cabinet may remove, by a majority  
331        vote, a designation made by the Chief of Domestic Security under  
332        subsection (1).

333        (4) A state agency, political subdivision, or public  
334        school district authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or  
335        levy ad valorem taxes may not expend such funds or taxes to  
336        support an organization, or a member of an organization,  
337        designated as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign  
338        terrorist organization.

339        (5) The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
340        section.

341        **Section 8. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (1) of**  
342        **section 1002.421, Florida Statutes, to read:**

343        1002.421 State school choice scholarship program  
344        accountability and oversight.—

345        (1) PRIVATE SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY AND OBLIGATIONS.—A private  
346        school participating in an educational scholarship program  
347        established pursuant to this chapter must be a private school as  
348        defined in s. 1002.01 in this state, be registered, and be in  
349        compliance with all requirements of this section in addition to  
350        private school requirements outlined in s. 1002.42, specific

351 requirements identified within respective scholarship program  
352 laws, and other provisions of Florida law that apply to private  
353 schools, and must:

354 (t) Prohibit:

355 1. Employment of, or contracting with;

356 2. Ownership or operation by; or

357 3. Acceptance of funds from, a person or entity that is  
358 affiliated with or in any way controlled by:

359 a. A designated foreign terrorist organization, as defined  
360 in s. 775.32(1), or a member of such organization;

361 b. A criminal gang or a criminal gang member as defined in  
362 874.03;

363 c. A terrorist organization as defined in 874.03;

364 d. A transnational crime organization, as defined in s.  
365 874.03, or a member of such organization;

366 e. A domestic terrorist organization as defined in 775.32;

367 f. A person or entity that has:

368 (I) Provided material support or resources, as defined in  
369 s. 775.33(1), to; or

370 (II) Received such support or resources, from,

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372 a designated foreign terrorist organization, as defined in s.  
373 775.32 or a criminal gang, terrorist organization, transnational  
374 crime organization, or domestic terrorist organization, as those  
375 terms are defined in s. 874.03; or

376       f. A person or entity that has demonstrated a pattern or  
377       practice of supporting or advocating for terrorism as defined in  
378       s. 775.30(1).

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380       The department shall suspend the payment of funds to a private  
381       school that knowingly fails to comply with this subsection, and  
382       shall prohibit the school from enrolling new scholarship  
383       students, for 1 fiscal year and until the school complies. If a  
384       private school fails to meet the requirements of this subsection  
385       or has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in the  
386       report required under paragraph (q), the commissioner may  
387       determine that the private school is ineligible to participate  
388       in a scholarship program.

389       **Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 1004.06, Florida**  
390       **Statutes, is amended to read:**

391       1004.06 Prohibited expenditures.—  
392       (2) (a) A Florida College System institution, state  
393       university, Florida College System institution direct-support  
394       organization, or state university direct-support organization  
395       may not expend any state or federal funds to promote, support,  
396       or maintain any programs or campus activities that:

397       1. (a) Violate s. 1000.05; or  
398       2. (b) Advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, or  
399       promote or engage in political or social activism, as defined by  
400       rules of the State Board of Education and regulations of the

401      Board of Governors; or  
402            3. Advocate for a domestic terrorist organization or a  
403            foreign terrorist organization, as designated by the Chief of  
404            Domestic Security in s. 943.03102.  
405            (b) The State Board of Education or the Board of  
406            Governors, as applicable, may withhold performance-based funding  
407            of a Florida College System institution or state university that  
408            violates paragraph (a).  
409            (c) Student fees to support student-led organizations are  
410            allowed permitted notwithstanding any speech or expressive  
411            activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate  
412            this subsection, provided that the public funds must be  
413            allocated to student-led organizations pursuant to written  
414            policies or regulations of each Florida College System  
415            institution or state university, as applicable. Use of  
416            institution facilities by student-led organizations is allowed  
417            permitted notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by  
418            such organizations which would otherwise violate this  
419            subsection, provided that such use must be granted to student-  
420            led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of  
421            each Florida College System institution or state university, as  
422            applicable.

423            **Section 10. Subsection (3) is added to section 1006.61,**  
424            **Florida Statutes, to read:**

425            1006.61    Participation by students in disruptive

426 activities, and promotion of foreign terrorist organizations, at  
427 public postsecondary educational institution; penalties.—

428 (3) (a) Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. s. 214.3(g) (2), a public  
429 postsecondary educational institution must report information  
430 relating to the current status of a student who is attending the  
431 institution on a student visa if the student promotes a  
432 designated foreign terrorist organization or a domestic  
433 terrorist organization.

434 (b) After a student of a state institution of higher  
435 learning has been determined to have promoted a designated  
436 foreign terrorist organization or a domestic terrorist  
437 organization, such student shall be immediately expelled from  
438 the institution.

439 (c) As used in this subsection, the term "foreign  
440 terrorist organization" and "domestic terrorist organization"  
441 mean an organization so designated by the Chief of Domestic  
442 Security under s. 943.03102.

443 **Section 11. Section 1009.01, Florida Statutes, is amended  
444 to read:**

445 1009.01 Definitions.—The term:

446 (1) "Domestic terrorist organization" means an  
447 organization so designated by the Chief of Domestic Security  
448 under s. 943.03102.

449 (2) "Foreign terrorist organization" means an organization  
450 so designated by the Chief of Domestic Security under s.

451 943.03102.

452 (3) "Out-of-state fee" means the additional fee for  
453 instruction charged by a public postsecondary educational  
454 institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who  
455 does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s.  
456 1009.21. A charge for any other purpose may not be included in  
457 this fee.

458 (4)-(1) "Tuition" means the basic fee charged to a student  
459 for instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational  
460 institution in this state. A charge for any other purpose may  
461 shall not be included in within this fee.

462 ~~(2) "Out of state fee" means the additional fee for~~  
~~instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational~~  
~~institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who~~  
~~does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s.~~  
~~1009.21. A charge for any other purpose shall not be included~~  
~~within this fee.~~

468 (5)-(3) "Tuition differential" means the supplemental fee  
469 charged to a student by a public university in this state  
470 pursuant to s. 1009.24(16).

471 **Section 12. Subsection (22) of section 1009.23, Florida**  
472 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (23), and a new subsection**  
473 **(22) is added to that section, to read:**

474 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—  
475 (22) A student who has been determined to have promoted a

476       domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist  
477       organization during any term of enrollment shall be immediately  
478       expelled from the institution and assessed the out-of-state fee  
479       established in subsection (3).

480       **Section 13. Subsection (22) is added to section 1009.24,**  
481       **Florida Statutes, to read:**

482       1009.24 State university student fees.—

483       (22) A student who has been determined to have promoted a  
484       domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist  
485       organization during any term of enrollment shall be immediately  
486       expelled from the institution and assessed the out-of-state fee  
487       established in subsection (4).

488       **Section 14. Subsection (22) is added to section 1009.26,**  
489       **Florida Statutes, to read:**

490       1009.26 Fee waivers.—

491       (22) A student who promotes a domestic terrorist  
492       organization or a foreign terrorist organization during any term  
493       of enrollment is ineligible for any fee waiver under this  
494       section.

495       **Section 15. Section 1009.8963, Florida Statutes, is**  
496       **created to read:**

497       1009.8963 Prohibition on awarding of scholarships, grants,  
498       and other aid.—A student who promotes a domestic terrorist  
499       organization or a foreign terrorist organization during any term  
500       of enrollment may not be awarded any institutional or state

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501     grants, financial aid, scholarships, or tuition assistance under  
502     this chapter.

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