

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to systems of law and terrorist
3 organizations; providing legislative intent and
4 findings; creating s. 2.05, F.S.; prohibiting the
5 application of certain law in adjudicatory proceedings
6 in a manner that violates a constitutional right;
7 providing exceptions; amending s. 775.33, F.S.;
8 defining the term "domestic terrorist organization";
9 providing a person who knowingly provides or attempts
10 or conspires to provide material support or resources
11 to a domestic terrorist organization commits a
12 specified crime; amending s. 775.34, F.S.; defining
13 the term "domestic terrorist organization"; providing
14 that a person who willfully becomes a member of a
15 domestic terrorist organization and serves under the
16 direction or control of such organization with a
17 specified intent commits a specified crime; amending
18 s. 874.03, F.S.; revising the definition of "terrorist
19 organization" to include a domestic terrorist
20 organization; creating s. 943.03102, F.S.; authorizing
21 the Chief of Domestic Security to designate an
22 organization a domestic terrorist organization or a
23 foreign terrorist organization if certain requirements
24 are met; requiring the Chief to maintain a list of
25 such organizations; requiring the Chief to review each

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

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,

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

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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

United States; or

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

~~2.(b)~~ Is intended to:

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

~~b.2.~~ Influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or

~~c.3.~~ Affect the conduct of government through destruction of property, assassination, murder, kidnapping, or aircraft piracy.

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

(3) A person who violates ~~commits a violation of~~ subsection (2) which results in death or serious bodily injury commits a life felony, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. As used in this subsection, the term "serious bodily injury" means an injury to a person which creates a substantial risk of death, serious personal disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or an organ.

Section 3. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1) of section 775.32, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d), (e), and (f), respectively, subsections (2), (3), and (4) are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

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

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terrorism or to terrorist organizations.—

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

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

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

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

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

2. Organize, manage, supervise, or otherwise direct the 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

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

(t) Prohibit:

1. Employment of, or contracting with;

2. Ownership or operation by; or

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

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

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

c. A terrorist organization as defined in 874.03;

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

e. A domestic terrorist organization as defined in 775.32;

f. A person or entity that has:

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

(II) Received such support or resources, from,

a designated foreign terrorist organization, as defined in s.

775.32 or a criminal gang, terrorist organization, transnational

crime organization, or domestic terrorist organization, as those

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

Board of Governors; or

3. Advocate for a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, as designated by the Chief of Domestic Security in s. 943.03102.

(b) The State Board of Education or the Board of Governors, as applicable, may withhold performance-based funding of a Florida College System institution or state university that violates paragraph (a).

(c) Student fees to support student-led organizations are allowed ~~permitted~~ notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate this subsection, provided that the public funds must be allocated to student-led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of each Florida College System institution or state university, as applicable. Use of institution facilities by student-led organizations is allowed ~~permitted~~ notwithstanding any speech or expressive activity by such organizations which would otherwise violate this subsection, provided that such use must be granted to student-led organizations pursuant to written policies or regulations of each Florida College System institution or state university, as applicable.

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

1006.61 Participation by students in disruptive

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

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

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

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

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

1009.01 Definitions.—The term:

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

(2) "Foreign terrorist organization" means an organization 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~~
463 ~~instruction provided by a public postsecondary educational~~
464 ~~institution in this state, which fee is charged to a student who~~
465 ~~does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate pursuant to s.~~
466 ~~1009.21. A charge for any other purpose shall not be included~~
467 ~~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

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

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

1009.24 State university student fees.—

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

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

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

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

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

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

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

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