1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to agreements of state colleges and 3 state universities with foreign entities; amending s. 4 288.860, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting state 5 universities and state colleges from accepting grants 6 or participating in agreements with a foreign country 7 of concern unless specified conditions are met; 8 authorizing state universities to enter into 9 agreements with a foreign country of concern if such agreement is approved by the Board of Governors and 10 11 specified requirements are met; authorizing the board 12 to sanction and to withhold performance funding from a 13 state university for entering into an unauthorized 14 foreign agreement; authorizing a state college to 15 enter into an agreement with a foreign country of 16 concern if such agreement is authorized by the State Board of Education and specified requirements are met; 17 18 authorizing the state board to sanction and to 19 withhold performance funding from a state college for entering into an unauthorized agreement with a foreign 20 21 country of concern; requiring each state university 22 and state college to annually submit specified 23 information to the Board of Governors and Department 24 of Education if certain conditions are met; requiring 25 the Board of Governors and the department to annually

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submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing requirements for the report; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt regulations and rules, respectively; amending s. 286.101, F.S.; revising and defining terms; prohibiting a state university or state college from soliciting or accepting a gift from a foreign country of concern; requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt regulations and rules, respectively; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 288.860, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

288.860 International cultural agreements.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Foreign country of concern" means the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under significant control of such foreign country of concern.
- (b) "Partnership" means a faculty or student exchange program, a study abroad program, an articulation program, a recruiting program, or a dual degree program.

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- (c) "Political subdivision" has the same meaning as in s. 1.01(8) and includes any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of the political subdivision.
- (d)(e) "Public school" means any education institution under the supervision of a school district and any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of a public school or school district.
- <u>(e) (d)</u> "State agency" means any agency or unit of state government created or established by law and any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of a state agency.
- <u>(f)</u> "State college" means any postsecondary education institution under the supervision of the State Board of Education, including any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of a state college.
- (g)(f) "State university" means any state university under the supervision of the Board of Governors, including any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of a state university.
- (2) A state agency, political subdivision, or public school, state college, or state university authorized to expend state-appropriated funds or levy ad valorem taxes may not participate in any agreement with or accept any grant from a foreign country of concern, or any entity controlled by a foreign country of concern, which:
 - (a) Constrains the freedom of contract of such public

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76 entity;

- (b) Allows the curriculum or values of a program in the state to be directed or controlled by the foreign country of concern; or
- (c) Promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents. Before Prior to the execution of any cultural exchange agreement with a foreign country of concern, the substance of the agreement must shall be shared with federal agencies concerned with protecting national security or enforcing trade sanctions, embargoes, or other restrictions under federal law. If such federal agency provides information suggesting that such agreement promotes an agenda detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents, the public entity may not enter into the agreement.
- (3)(a) For the purposes of this subsection only, the term "agreement" means a written statement of mutual interest in academic or research collaboration.
- (b) Beginning July 1, 2023, a state university or state college authorized to expend state-appropriated funds may not accept any grant from or participate in any agreement or partnership with any college, university, or entity that is based in or controlled by a foreign country of concern, except as specified in paragraphs (c) and (d).
 - (c) A state university may, upon approval by the Board of

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Governors, enter into an agreement with a foreign country of concern or an entity located in or controlled by a foreign country of concern if such agreement is deemed by the board to be valuable to students and the state university and is not detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents. An agreement approved under this subsection must meet the other relevant requirements of s. 288.860.

- 1. Beginning July 1, 2023, the board shall exercise the authority provided pursuant to s. 1008.322 to sanction a state university pursuant to subparagraph 2. which enters into a partnership or agreement with a foreign country of concern or an entity that is located in or controlled by a foreign country of concern without approval from the board.
- 2. The board may withhold additional performance funding for a state university that enters into an agreement with a foreign country of concern or an entity that is located in or controlled by a foreign country of concern without approval from the board. The funds must be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The board may administratively enforce this section.
- (d) A state college may, upon approval by the State Board of Education, enter into an agreement with a foreign country of concern or an entity located in or controlled by a foreign country of concern if such agreement is deemed by the state board to be valuable to students and the state college and is not detrimental to the safety or security of the United States

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or its residents. An agreement approved under this subsection must meet the requirements of s. 288.860.

- 1. Beginning July 1, 2023, the state board shall exercise the authority provided pursuant to s. 1008.32 to sanction a state college pursuant to subparagraph 2. which enters into a partnership or agreement with a foreign country of concern or an entity that is located in or controlled by a foreign country of concern without approval from the state board.
- 2. The state board may withhold additional performance funding for a state college that enters into an agreement with a foreign country of concern or an entity that is located in or controlled by a foreign country of concern without approval from the state board. The funds must be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The state board may administratively enforce this section.
- (e) Each state university and state college shall submit the information required in paragraph (f) to the Board of Governors and the Department of Education, respectively, by July 1 of each year.
- (f) By August 1, 2024, and each August 1 thereafter, the

 Board of Governors and the Department of Education,

 respectively, shall submit a report to the Governor, the

 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

 Representatives relating to agreements of state universities and

 state colleges, respectively, with foreign entities. At a

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- 1. Data reflecting any grant program, agreement,
 partnership, or contract between a state university or state
 college and any university, college, or entity that is based in
 or controlled by a foreign country.
- 2. Data reflecting any office, campus, or physical location used or maintained by a state university or state college in a foreign country.
- 3. The date on which any such grant program, agreement, partnership, or contract reported pursuant to subparagraph 1. is expected to terminate.
- (g) The Board of Governors and the State Board of
 Education shall adopt regulations and rules, respectively, to
 administer this subsection.
- (4)(3) A state agency, political subdivision, public school, state college, or state university may not accept anything of value conditioned upon participation in a program or other endeavor to promote the language or culture of a foreign country of concern.
- (5)(4) For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, notwithstanding subsection (2), a state agency, political subdivision, public school, state college, or state university may not enter into any agreement with or accept any grant from the Russian Federation. This subsection expires July 1, 2023.

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Section 2.	Paragraph	(h) of	subsec	tion	(1) 0	f s	ectior	l
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286.101 Foreign gifts and contracts.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (h) "State agency" means any agency or unit of state government created or established by law. For the purposes of this section only, the term does not include a state university or a state college.
- (i) "State college" means any postsecondary education institution under the supervision of the State Board of Education, including any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of a state college.
- (j) "State university" means any state university under the supervision of the Board of Governors, including any entity under the control of or established for the benefit of a state university.
- (10) (a) A state university or state college, or any employee or representative of a state university or state college, may not solicit or accept any gift, including any physical object, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, from:
- 1. A foreign country of concern or an entity that is located in or controlled by a foreign country of concern; or

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- (b) The Board of Governors and the State Board of Education shall adopt regulations and rules, respectively, to administer this subsection.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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