



Rule 6A-14.097, F.A.C. Foreign Influence

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- During the 2023 legislative session, Governor DeSantis signed Senate Bill 846 to place necessary, strategic safeguards against foreign influence by strengthening institutional vetting and applying strategic protections for Florida's education system and governmental entities.
- SB 846 and Proposed Rule 6A-14.097 further strengthen our FCS institutions' resolve to keep unwanted, negative foreign influence from impacting our higher education campuses and classrooms, especially from countries designated as foreign countries of concern.

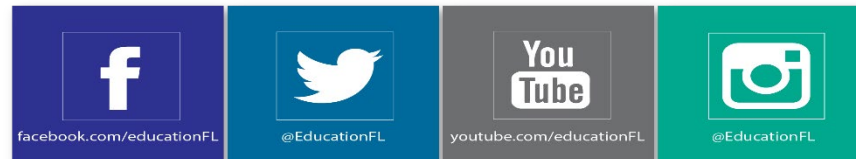
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- SB 846 addresses foreign gifts and international cultural agreements:
 - Prohibits FCS institutions and their direct support organizations, employees and representatives from soliciting or accepting any gift from a foreign country of concern or foreign principal.
 - Prohibits FCS institutions from accepting any grant or participating in any agreements or partnerships with a foreign country of concern or its foreign principal unless deemed by the SBOE to be valuable to students and the state college and not detrimental to the safety or security of the United States or its residents.
 - Provides sanctions for any unapproved agreements and requires the SBOE to report on any approved FCS institution grants, agreements, or partnerships with any foreign country of concern, beginning December 1, 2024.
- The proposed new rule provides definitions and specifies the compliance and reporting process for FCS institutions regarding gifts from and partnerships and international cultural agreements with foreign entities.



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