

Foreign Influence Legislation

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In May 2023, Florida passed a law revising the state's legislation governing state university and college engagement with foreign countries of concern. The foreign influence law now places stricter limits on state university and college relationships with countries of concern, and newly expands restrictions to include engagement with certain individuals associated with those countries. Additional details can be found in <u>BOG Regulation 9.012</u>, Foreign Influence. Fragomen, a leading immigration law firm, has also published a FAQ that provides information about what is understood about these revisions.

The <u>Fragomen FAQ</u> (page 5, #8), lists the activities the Board of Governors consider restricted by faculty, staff, and students. I want to bring to your attention two of these restricted activities that faculty should be aware of:

- Collaborating with a foreign principal on a research project in furtherance of the university's mission; and
- Sharing data with a foreign principal.

Please contact your Chair or Dean if you have questions or concerns.

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