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2 An act relating to foreign investments; amending s.  
3 215.47, F.S.; revising the percentage of investments  
4 that the State Board of Administration may invest in  
5 foreign securities; amending s. 215.473, F.S.;  
6 revising and providing definitions with respect to  
7 requirements that the board divest securities in which  
8 public moneys are invested in certain companies doing  
9 specified types of business in or with Sudan or Iran;  
10 revising exclusions from the divestment requirements;  
11 conforming cross-references; creating s. 624.449,  
12 F.S.; requiring a domestic insurer to provide a list  
13 of investments that it has in companies on the State  
14 Board of Administration's lists of scrutinized  
15 companies with activities in Sudan or in Iran's  
16 petroleum energy sector; providing for severability;  
17 providing an effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Subsection (20) of section 215.47, Florida  
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 215.47 Investments; authorized securities; loan of  
24 securities.—Subject to the limitations and conditions of the  
25 State Constitution or of the trust agreement relating to a trust



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26 fund, moneys available for investments under ss. 215.44-215.53  
27 may be invested as follows:

28 (20) Notwithstanding the provisions in subsection (5)  
29 limiting such investments to 25 percent of any fund, the board  
30 may invest up to 50 ~~no more than 35~~ percent of any fund in  
31 corporate obligations and securities of any kind of a foreign  
32 corporation or a foreign commercial entity having its principal  
33 office located in any country other than the United States or  
34 its possessions or territories, not including United States  
35 dollar-denominated securities listed and traded on a United  
36 States exchange that are a part of the ordinary investment  
37 strategy of the board.

38 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2), paragraph (e) of  
39 subsection (3), and subsection (5) of section 215.473, Florida  
40 Statutes, are amended to read:

41 215.473 Divestiture by the State Board of Administration;  
42 Sudan; Iran.—

43 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section ~~act~~, the term:

44 (a) "Active business operations" means all business  
45 operations that are not inactive business operations.

46 (b) "Business operations" means engaging in commerce in  
47 any form in Sudan or Iran, including, but not limited to,  
48 acquiring, developing, maintaining, owning, selling, possessing,  
49 leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel,  
50 products, services, personal property, real property, or any



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51 | other apparatus of business or commerce.

52 |       (c) "Company" means a ~~any~~ sole proprietorship,  
53 | organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint  
54 | venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership,  
55 | limited liability company, or other entity or business  
56 | association, including all wholly owned subsidiaries, majority-  
57 | owned subsidiaries, parent companies, or affiliates of such  
58 | entities or business associations, that exists for the purpose  
59 | of making profit.

60 |       (d) "Complicit" means taking actions during any preceding  
61 | 20-month period which have directly supported or promoted the  
62 | genocidal campaign in Darfur, ~~including, but not limited to,~~  
63 | preventing Darfur's victimized population from communicating  
64 | with each other; encouraging Sudanese citizens to speak out  
65 | against an internationally approved security force for Darfur;  
66 | actively working to deny, cover up, or alter the record on human  
67 | rights abuses in Darfur; or other similar actions.

68 |       (e) "Direct holdings" in a company means all securities of  
69 | that company that are held directly by the public fund or in an  
70 | account or fund in which the public fund owns all shares or  
71 | interests.

72 |       (f) "Government of Iran" means the government of Iran, its  
73 | instrumentalities, and companies owned or controlled by the  
74 | government of Iran.

75 |       (g) "Government of South Sudan" means the Republic of



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76 South Sudan, that has its capital in Juba, South Sudan.

77 (h)-(g) "Government of Sudan" means the Republic of the  
78 Sudan that has its capital ~~government~~ in Khartoum, Sudan, ~~that~~  
79 ~~is led by the National Congress Party, formerly known as the~~  
80 ~~National Islamic Front, or any successor government formed on or~~  
81 ~~after October 13, 2006, including the coalition National Unity~~  
82 ~~Government agreed upon in the Comprehensive Peace Agreement for~~  
83 ~~Sudan, and does not include the regional government of southern~~  
84 ~~Sudan.~~

85 (i)-(h) "Inactive business operations" means the mere  
86 continued holding or renewal of rights to property previously  
87 operated for the purpose of generating revenues but not  
88 presently deployed for such purpose.

89 (j)-(i) "Indirect holdings" in a company means all  
90 securities of that company that are held in a commingled an  
91 ~~account or fund~~ or other collective investment, such as a mutual  
92 fund, ~~managed by one or more persons not employed by the public~~  
93 ~~fund,~~ in which the public fund owns shares or interests together  
94 with other investors not subject to ~~the provisions of this~~  
95 section act.

96 (k)-(j) "Iran" means the Islamic Republic of Iran.

97 (l)-(k) "Marginalized populations of Sudan" include, but  
98 are not limited to, the portion of the population in the Darfur  
99 region that has been genocidally victimized; the portion of the  
100 population of South ~~southern~~ Sudan victimized by Sudan's north-



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101 south civil war; the Beja, Rashidiya, and other similarly  
102 underserved groups of eastern Sudan; the Nubian and other  
103 similarly underserved groups in Sudan's Abyei, Southern Blue  
104 Nile, and Nuba Mountain regions; and the Amri, Hamadab, Manasir,  
105 and other similarly underserved groups of northern Sudan.

106 (m)~~(l)~~ "Military equipment" means weapons, arms, military  
107 supplies, and equipment that may readily be used for military  
108 purposes, including, but not limited to, radar systems,  
109 military-grade transport vehicles, or supplies or services sold  
110 or provided directly or indirectly to any force actively  
111 participating in armed conflict in Sudan.

112 (n)~~(m)~~ "Mineral-extraction activities" include the  
113 exploring, extracting, processing, transporting, or wholesale  
114 selling or trading of elemental minerals or associated metal  
115 alloys or oxides (ore), including gold, copper, chromium,  
116 chromite, diamonds, iron, iron ore, silver, tungsten, uranium,  
117 and zinc, as well as facilitating such activities, including  
118 providing supplies or services in support of such activities.

119 (o)~~(n)~~ "Oil-related activities" include, but are not  
120 limited to, owning rights to oil blocks; exporting, extracting,  
121 producing, refining, processing, exploring for, transporting,  
122 selling, or trading of oil; constructing, maintaining, or  
123 operating a pipeline, refinery, or other oil-field  
124 infrastructure; and facilitating such activities, including  
125 providing supplies or services in support of such activities,



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126 | except that the mere retail sale of gasoline and related  
127 | consumer products is not considered an oil-related activity.

128 |     ~~(p)~~ ~~(e)~~ "Petroleum resources" means petroleum, petroleum  
129 | byproducts, or natural gas.

130 |     ~~(q)~~ ~~(p)~~ "Power-production activities" means a ~~any~~ business  
131 | operation that involves a project commissioned by the National  
132 | Electricity Corporation (NEC) of Sudan or other similar entity  
133 | of the government of Sudan whose purpose is to facilitate power  
134 | generation and delivery, including, but not limited to,  
135 | establishing power-generating plants or hydroelectric dams,  
136 | selling or installing components for the project, providing  
137 | service contracts related to the installation or maintenance of  
138 | the project, as well as facilitating such activities, including  
139 | providing supplies or services in support of such activities.

140 |     ~~(r)~~ ~~(e)~~ "Public fund" means all funds, assets, trustee, and  
141 | other designates under the State Board of Administration  
142 | pursuant to chapter 121.

143 |     ~~(s)~~ ~~(r)~~ "Scrutinized active business operations" means  
144 | active business operations that result ~~have resulted~~ in a  
145 | company becoming a scrutinized company.

146 |     ~~(t)~~ ~~(s)~~ "Scrutinized business operations" means business  
147 | operations that result ~~have resulted~~ in a company becoming a  
148 | scrutinized company.

149 |     ~~(u)~~ ~~(t)~~ "Scrutinized company" means a ~~any~~ company that  
150 | meets any of the following criteria:



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151           1. The company has business operations that involve  
 152 contracts with or provision of supplies or services to the  
 153 government of Sudan, companies in which the government of Sudan  
 154 has a ~~any~~ direct or indirect equity share, consortiums or  
 155 projects commissioned by the government of Sudan, or companies  
 156 involved in consortiums or projects commissioned by the  
 157 government of Sudan, and:

158           a. More than 10 percent of the company's revenues or  
 159 assets linked to Sudan involve oil-related activities or  
 160 mineral-extraction activities; less than 75 percent of the  
 161 company's revenues or assets linked to Sudan involve contracts  
 162 with or provision of oil-related or mineral-extracting products  
 163 or services to the ~~regional~~ government of South ~~southern~~ Sudan  
 164 ~~or a project or consortium created exclusively by that regional~~  
 165 ~~government~~; and the company has failed to take substantial  
 166 action; or

167           b. More than 10 percent of the company's revenues or  
 168 assets linked to Sudan involve power-production activities; less  
 169 than 75 percent of the company's power-production activities  
 170 include projects whose intent is to provide power or electricity  
 171 to the marginalized populations of Sudan; and the company has  
 172 failed to take substantial action.

173           2. The company is complicit in the Darfur genocide.

174           3. The company supplies military equipment within Sudan,  
 175 unless it clearly shows that the military equipment cannot be



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176 used to facilitate offensive military actions in Sudan or the  
177 company implements rigorous and verifiable safeguards to prevent  
178 use of that equipment by forces actively participating in armed  
179 conflict. Examples of safeguards include post-sale tracking of  
180 such equipment by the company, certification from a reputable  
181 and objective third party that such equipment is not being used  
182 by a party participating in armed conflict in Sudan, or sale of  
183 such equipment solely to the ~~regional~~ government of South  
184 ~~southern~~ Sudan or any internationally recognized peacekeeping  
185 force or humanitarian organization.

186 4. The company has business operations that involve  
187 contracts with or provision of supplies or services to the  
188 government of Iran, companies in which the government of Iran  
189 has any direct or indirect equity share, consortiums, or  
190 projects commissioned by the government of Iran, or companies  
191 involved in consortiums or projects commissioned by the  
192 government of Iran and:

193 a. More than 10 percent of the company's total revenues or  
194 assets are linked to Iran and involve oil-related activities or  
195 mineral-extraction activities, ~~and~~ and the company has failed to  
196 take substantial action; or

197 b. The company has, with actual knowledge, on or after  
198 August 5, 1996, made an investment of \$20 million or more, or  
199 any combination of investments of at least \$10 million each,  
200 which in the aggregate equals or exceeds \$20 million in any 12-





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201 month period, and which directly or significantly contributes to  
202 the enhancement of Iran's ability to develop the petroleum  
203 resources of Iran.

204 (v) ~~(u)~~ "Social-development company" means a company whose  
205 primary purpose in Sudan is to provide humanitarian goods or  
206 services, including medicine or medical equipment; agricultural  
207 supplies or infrastructure; educational opportunities;  
208 journalism-related activities; information or information  
209 materials; spiritual-related activities; services of a purely  
210 clerical or reporting nature; food, clothing, or general  
211 consumer goods that are unrelated to oil-related activities;  
212 mineral-extraction activities; or power-production activities.

213 (w) ~~(v)~~ "Substantial action specific to Iran" means  
214 adopting, publicizing, and implementing a formal plan to cease  
215 scrutinized business operations within 1 year and to refrain  
216 from ~~any~~ such new business operations.

217 (x) ~~(w)~~ "Substantial action specific to Sudan" means  
218 adopting, publicizing, and implementing a formal plan to cease  
219 scrutinized business operations within 1 year and to refrain  
220 from ~~any~~ such new business operations; undertaking humanitarian  
221 efforts in conjunction with an international organization, the  
222 government of Sudan, the ~~regional~~ government of South ~~southern~~  
223 Sudan, or a nonprofit entity evaluated and certified by an  
224 independent third party to be substantially in a relationship to  
225 the company's Sudan business operations and of benefit to one or



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226 | more marginalized populations of Sudan; or, through engagement  
227 | with the government of Sudan, materially improving conditions  
228 | for the genocidally victimized population in Darfur.

229 | (2) IDENTIFICATION OF COMPANIES.—

230 | (a) Within 90 days after June 8, 2007 ~~the effective date~~  
231 | ~~of this act~~, the public fund shall make its best efforts to  
232 | identify all scrutinized companies in which the public fund has  
233 | direct or indirect holdings or could possibly have such holdings  
234 | in the future. Such efforts include:

235 | 1. Reviewing and relying, as appropriate in the public  
236 | fund's judgment, on publicly available information regarding  
237 | companies having business operations in Sudan, including  
238 | information provided by nonprofit organizations, research firms,  
239 | international organizations, and government entities;

240 | 2. Contacting asset managers contracted by the public fund  
241 | which ~~that~~ invest in companies having business operations in  
242 | Sudan; or

243 | 3. Contacting other institutional investors that have  
244 | divested from or engaged with companies that have business  
245 | operations in Sudan.

246 | 4. Reviewing the laws of the United States regarding the  
247 | levels of business activity that would cause application of  
248 | sanctions for companies conducting business or investing in  
249 | countries that are designated state sponsors of terror.

250 | (b) By the first meeting of the public fund following the



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251 90-day period described in paragraph (a), the public fund shall  
252 assemble all scrutinized companies that fit criteria specified  
253 in subparagraphs (1)(u)1., 2., and 3. ~~(1)(t)1., 2., and 3.~~ into  
254 a "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List" and  
255 ~~shall assemble~~ all scrutinized companies that fit criteria  
256 specified in subparagraph (1)(u)4. ~~(1)(t)4.~~ into a "Scrutinized  
257 Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector  
258 List."

259 (c) The public fund shall update and make publicly  
260 available quarterly the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in  
261 Sudan List and the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the  
262 Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List based on evolving information  
263 from, among other sources, those listed in paragraph (a).

264 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section ~~act~~, a  
265 social-development company that is not complicit in the Darfur  
266 genocide is not considered a scrutinized company under  
267 subparagraph (1)(u)1. ~~(1)(t)1.~~, subparagraph (1)(u)2. ~~(1)(t)2.~~,  
268 or subparagraph (1)(u)3 ~~(1)(t)3.~~

269 (3) REQUIRED ACTIONS.—The public fund shall adhere to the  
270 following procedure for assembling companies on the Scrutinized  
271 Companies with Activities in Sudan List and the Scrutinized  
272 Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector  
273 List:

274 (e) *Excluded securities.*—

275 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section ~~act~~,



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276 paragraphs (b) and (c) do not apply to indirect holdings in  
 277 actively managed investment funds. However, the public fund  
 278 shall submit letters to the managers of such investment funds  
 279 containing companies that have scrutinized active business  
 280 operations requesting that they consider removing such companies  
 281 from the fund or create a similar actively managed fund having  
 282 indirect holdings devoid of such companies. If the manager  
 283 creates a similar fund, the public fund shall replace all  
 284 applicable investments with investments in the similar fund in  
 285 an expedited timeframe consistent with prudent investing  
 286 standards. For the purposes of this section, a private equity  
 287 fund is deemed to be an actively managed investment fund.

288 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,  
 289 paragraphs (b) and (c) do not apply to exchange-traded funds.

290 (5) EXPIRATION.—This section ~~act~~ expires upon the  
 291 occurrence of all of the following:

292 (a) If any of the following occur, the public fund shall  
 293 no longer scrutinize companies according to subparagraphs  
 294 (1) (u) 1., 2., and 3. ~~(1) (t) 1., 2., and 3.~~ and shall no longer  
 295 assemble the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan  
 296 List, shall cease engagement and divestment of such companies,  
 297 and may reinvest in such companies if ~~as long as~~ such companies  
 298 do not satisfy the criteria for inclusion in the Scrutinized  
 299 Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector  
 300 List:



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301           1. The Congress or President of the United States,  
302 affirmatively and unambiguously states, by means including, but  
303 not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written  
304 certification from the President to Congress, that the Darfur  
305 genocide has been halted for at least 12 months;

306           2. The United States revokes all sanctions imposed against  
307 the government of Sudan;

308           3. The Congress or President of the United States  
309 affirmatively and unambiguously states, by means including, but  
310 not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written  
311 certification from the President to Congress, that the  
312 government of Sudan has honored its commitments to cease attacks  
313 on civilians, demobilize and demilitarize the Janjaweed and  
314 associated militias, grant free and unfettered access for  
315 deliveries of humanitarian assistance, and allow for the safe  
316 and voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced  
317 persons; or

318           4. The Congress or President of the United States  
319 affirmatively and unambiguously states, by means including, but  
320 not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written  
321 certification from the President to Congress, that mandatory  
322 divestment of the type provided for in this section ~~act~~  
323 interferes with the conduct of United States foreign policy.

324           (b) If any of the following occur, the public fund shall  
325 no longer scrutinize companies according to subparagraph



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326 (1)(u)4. ~~(1)(t)4.~~ and shall no longer assemble the Scrutinized  
327 Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector  
328 List and shall cease engagement, investment prohibitions, and  
329 divestment. The public fund may reinvest in such companies if as  
330 ~~long as~~ such companies do not satisfy the criteria for inclusion  
331 in the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List:

332 1. The Congress or President of the United States  
333 affirmatively and unambiguously states, by means including, but  
334 not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written  
335 certification from the President to Congress, that the  
336 government of Iran has ceased to acquire weapons of mass  
337 destruction and support international terrorism;

338 2. The United States revokes all sanctions imposed against  
339 the government of Iran; or

340 3. The Congress or President of the United States  
341 affirmatively and unambiguously declares, by means including,  
342 but not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written  
343 certification from the President to Congress, that mandatory  
344 divestment of the type provided for in this section ~~act~~  
345 interferes with the conduct of United States foreign policy.

346 Section 3. Section 624.449, Florida Statutes, is created  
347 to read:

348 624.449 Insurer investment in foreign companies.—A  
349 domestic insurer shall provide to the office on an annual basis  
350 a list of investments that the insurer has in companies included



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351 on the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List" and  
352 the "Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum  
353 Energy Sector List" compiled by the State Board of  
354 Administration pursuant to s. 215.473(2). The insurer's list  
355 must include the name of the issuer and the stock, bond,  
356 security, and other evidence of indebtedness.

357 Section 4. If any provision of this act or the application  
358 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
359 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of  
360 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision  
361 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
362 declared severable.

363 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.