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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Gaetz offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 1695 and 1696, insert:

5 Section 59. Section 447.18, Florida Statutes, is created
6 to read:

7 447.18 Written authorization required to expend certain
8 employee dues, assessments, fines, or penalties.-

9 (1) A labor organization may not use dues, uniform
10 assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments paid by an
11 employee to make contributions or expenditures, as defined in s.
12 106.011, without the express written authorization of the
13 employee. The written authorization must be executed by the
14 employee separately for each fiscal year of the labor
15 organization and shall be accompanied by a detailed account,
16 provided by the labor organization, of all contributions and

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17 expenditures made by the labor organization in the preceding 24
18 months. The labor organization shall estimate its expected
19 contributions and expenditures for the fiscal year and shall
20 reduce the amount collected during the fiscal year from each
21 employee who has not executed a written authorization. If the
22 actual contributions and expenditures of the labor organization
23 exceed its estimated contributions and expenditures, the labor
24 organization shall provide a refund at the end of the fiscal
25 year to each employee who has not executed a written
26 authorization.

27 (2) The employee may revoke the authorization described in
28 subsection (1) at any time. If an employee revokes the
29 authorization, the employee is entitled to a pro rata reduction
30 of such dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special
31 assessments for the remainder of the fiscal year of the labor
32 organization. The amount of the reduction shall be based on the
33 proportion of the contributions and expenditures, as defined in
34 s. 106.011, in relation to the total annual contributions and
35 expenditures of the labor organization for the preceding fiscal
36 year.

37 (3) A labor organization may not require an employee to
38 provide the authorization described in subsection (1) as a
39 condition of membership in the labor organization.

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42 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

43 Remove line 144 and insert:

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44 Services; creating s. 447.18, F.S.; prohibiting labor
45 organizations from using dues, uniform assessments, fines,
46 penalties, or special assessments to make political
47 contributions or expenditures without an employee's
48 written authorization; providing for a refund to employees
49 who have not given a written authorization in certain
50 situations; requiring that the labor organization provide
51 notice of such contributions and expenditures; prohibiting
52 a labor organization from requiring an employee to
53 authorize the collection of funds for political
54 contributions and expenditures as a condition of
55 membership in the organization; providing an effective
56 date.