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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to standards of conduct for public officers; amending s. 112.313, F.S.; prohibiting members of the Board of Governors of the State University System and members of a board of trustees of a local constituent university from representing principals before the Legislature; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Section 18, Article III of the State Constitution confers upon the Legislature the obligation to prohibit conflict between the public duties and private interests of state officers, and

WHEREAS, the members of the statewide board of governors and local boards of trustees, as established in Section 7, Article IX of the State Constitution, are state officers and subject to the ethics laws of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to ensure good government practices in the operation of the education boards of this state, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that lobbyists serving as members of state education boards present an actual or potential conflict of interest, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Board of Governors and the local boards of trustees should reach their decisions free of political influence and in the best interests of the people of the State of Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

