

By Senator Bullard

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the receipt of gifts by candidates,  
3           officers, and state employees; amending s. 112.3148,  
4           F.S.; deleting a limitation on the amount of time that  
5           a gift accepted on behalf of a governmental entity or  
6           charitable organization may be retained; providing an  
7           effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 112.3148, Florida  
12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           112.3148 Reporting and prohibited receipt of gifts by  
14           individuals filing full or limited public disclosure of  
15           financial interests and by procurement employees.—

16           (4) A reporting individual or procurement employee or any  
17           other person on his or her behalf is prohibited from knowingly  
18           accepting, directly or indirectly, a gift from a political  
19           committee or committee of continuous existence, as defined in s.  
20           106.011, ~~or from~~ a lobbyist who lobbies the reporting  
21           individual's or procurement employee's agency, or ~~directly or~~  
22           ~~indirectly on behalf of~~ the partner, firm, employer, or  
23           principal of a lobbyist, if he or she knows or reasonably  
24           believes that the gift has a value in excess of \$100; however,  
25           ~~such~~ a gift may be accepted by such person on behalf of a  
26           governmental entity or a charitable organization. ~~If the gift is~~  
27           ~~accepted on behalf of a governmental entity or charitable~~  
28           ~~organization, the person receiving the gift shall not maintain~~  
29           ~~custody of the gift for any period of time beyond that~~

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30 ~~reasonably necessary to arrange for the transfer of custody and~~  
31 ~~ownership of the gift.~~

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.