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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; amending s. 110.181, F.S.; deleting the power of local steering committees to direct the distribution of undesignated funds; requiring such undesignated campaign funds to be shared proportionally by the participating charitable organizations based on the percentage of designations in each area; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 110.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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110.181 Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign.-

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(2) SELECTION OF FISCAL AGENTS; COST.-

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(a) The Department of Management Services shall select through the competitive procurement process a fiscal agent or agents to receive, account for, and distribute charitable contributions among participating charitable organizations.

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(b) The fiscal agent shall withhold the reasonable costs for conducting the campaign and for accounting and distribution to the participating organizations and shall reimburse the department the actual cost, not to exceed 1 percent of gross pledges, for coordinating the campaign in accordance with the rules of the department. In any fiscal year in which the Legislature specifically appropriates to the department its total costs for coordinating the campaign from the General

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Revenue Fund, the fiscal agent is not required to reimburse such

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costs to the department under this subsection. Otherwise, reimbursement will be the difference between actual costs and the amount appropriated.

- (c) The fiscal agent shall furnish the department and participating charitable organizations a report of the accounting and distribution activities. Records relating to these activities shall be open for inspection upon reasonable notice and request.
- (d) A local steering committee shall be established in each fiscal agent area to assist in conducting the campaign and to direct the distribution of undesignated funds remaining after partial distribution pursuant to paragraph (e). The committee shall be composed of state employees selected by the fiscal agent from among recommendations provided by interested participating organizations, if any, and approved by the Statewide Steering Committee.
- (e) Participating charitable organizations that provide direct services in a local fiscal agent's area shall receive the same percentage of undesignated funds as the percentage of designated funds they receive in the campaign. The payment of each charity's share of undesignated funds shall be distributed in the same manner as the designations. The undesignated funds remaining following allocation to these charitable organizations shall be distributed by the local steering committee.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.