

Amendment No.

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 3653 and 3654, insert:

5 Section 89. 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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45 Remove line 280 and insert:
46 applicants; creating s. 447.18, F.S.; prohibiting labor
47 organizations from using dues, uniform assessments, fines,
48 penalties, or special assessments to make political
49 contributions or expenditures without an employee's written
50 authorization; providing for a refund to employees who have not
51 given a written authorization in certain situations; requiring
52 that the labor organization provide notice of such contributions
53 and expenditures; prohibiting a labor organization from
54 requiring an employee to authorize the collection of funds for
55 political contributions and expenditures as a condition of
56 membership in the organization; amending s. 456.053, F.S.;
57 revising the