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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Thrasher) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 87 - 104  
and insert:

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

(1) A labor organization may not use dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments paid by an employee to make contributions or expenditures, as defined in s. 106.011, without the express written authorization of the employee. The written authorization must be executed by the employee separately for each fiscal year of the labor



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13 organization and shall be accompanied with a detailed account,  
14 provided by the labor organization, of all contributions and  
15 expenditures made by the labor organization in the preceding 24  
16 months. The labor organization shall estimate its expected  
17 contributions and expenditures for the fiscal year and shall  
18 reduce the amount collected during the fiscal year from each  
19 employee that has not executed a written authorization. If the  
20 actual contributions and expenditures of the labor organization  
21 exceed its estimated contributions and expenditures, the labor  
22 organization shall provide a refund at the end of the fiscal  
23 year to each employee that has not executed a written  
24 authorization.

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

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36 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

37 And the title is amended as follows:

38 Delete lines 13 - 18

39 and insert:

40 creating s. 447.18, F.S.; prohibiting labor  
41 organizations from collecting dues, assessments,



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42 fines, or penalties without written authorization;  
43 providing for a refund to employees that have not  
44 given a written authorization in certain situations;  
45 requiring that the labor organization