

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public officers and employees;  
 3           amending s. 112.3148, F.S.; defining terms;  
 4           authorizing specified reporting individuals and  
 5           procurement employees to accept gifts or compensation  
 6           to be used toward costs incurred due to a serious  
 7           bodily injury or the diagnosis of a serious disease or  
 8           illness of the individual, employee, or a child  
 9           thereof; specifying limitations and requirements;  
 10          amending ss. 11.045 and 112.3215, F.S.; revising  
 11          provisions regarding prohibited lobbying expenditures  
 12          in the legislative and executive branches to conform  
 13          to changes made by the act; providing an effective  
 14          date.

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 16   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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18           Section 1. Present subsections (9) and (10) of section  
 19   112.3148, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10)  
 20   and (11), respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to  
 21   that section, to read:

22           112.3148 Reporting and prohibited receipt of gifts by  
 23   individuals filing full or limited public disclosure of  
 24   financial interests and by procurement employees.—

25           (9) (a) As used in this subsection, the term:

26        1. "Serious bodily injury" means an injury that consists  
27 of a physical condition that creates a substantial risk of  
28 death, serious personal disfigurement, or protracted loss or  
29 impairment of the function of a bodily member or organ and  
30 requires care and treatment for an extended period of time.

31        2. "Serious disease or illness" means any disease or  
32 illness, including cancer, which causes significant functional  
33 impairment requiring care and treatment for an extended period  
34 of time.

35        (b) Notwithstanding the limitations established in this  
36 section, a reporting individual, not including any elected  
37 officer, or a procurement employee may accept any gift or  
38 compensation, regardless of value, if the reporting individual  
39 or procurement employee, or his or her child, has suffered  
40 serious bodily injury or has been diagnosed with a serious  
41 disease or illness. Any gift or compensation accepted pursuant  
42 to this subsection must be used toward expenses directly  
43 incurred, or in connection with, the care and treatment of the  
44 reporting individual, procurement employee, or a child thereof.  
45 The reporting requirements under this section apply to any gift  
46 or compensation made pursuant to this subsection.

47        Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
48 11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

49        11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration and  
50 reporting; exemptions; penalties.—

51 (4) (a) Notwithstanding s. 112.3148, s. 112.3149, or any  
52 other provision of law to the contrary, no lobbyist or principal  
53 shall make, directly or indirectly, and no member or employee of  
54 the Legislature shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly,  
55 any expenditure, except floral arrangements or other celebratory  
56 items given to legislators and displayed in chambers the opening  
57 day of a regular session. However, a lobbyist or principal may  
58 make, and an employee of the Legislature may accept, an  
59 expenditure for a donation toward the care and treatment of a  
60 serious bodily injury or a serious disease or illness of the  
61 employee, or a child thereof, in accordance with the  
62 requirements and limitations of s. 112.3148(9).

63 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
64 112.3215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

65 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the  
66 Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting;  
67 investigation by commission.—

68 (6) (a) Notwithstanding s. 112.3148, s. 112.3149, or any  
69 other provision of law to the contrary, no lobbyist or principal  
70 shall make, directly or indirectly, and no agency official,  
71 member, or employee shall knowingly accept, directly or  
72 indirectly, any expenditure. However, a lobbyist or principal  
73 may make, and a nonelected agency official or employee may  
74 accept, an expenditure for a donation toward the care and  
75 treatment of a serious bodily injury or a serious disease or

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76 | illness of the official or employee, or a child thereof, in  
77 | accordance with the requirements and limitations of s.  
78 | 112.3148(9).

79 |       Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.