

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

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

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19           Section 1. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 112.3148,  
20   Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10) and (11),  
21   respectively, and a new subsection (9) is added to that section,  
22   to read:

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

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

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

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

36 (b) Notwithstanding the limitations established in this  
37 section, a vendor doing business with the reporting individual's  
38 or procurement employee's agency; a lobbyist who lobbies the  
39 reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency; the  
40 partner, firm, employer, or principal of a lobbyist; or another  
41 person on behalf of the lobbyist or partner, firm, employer, or  
42 principal of the lobbyist may provide, and a reporting  
43 individual, not including any elected officer, or a procurement  
44 employee may solicit or accept any gift or compensation,  
45 regardless of value, if the reporting individual or procurement  
46 employee, or his or her child, has suffered serious bodily  
47 injury or has been diagnosed with a serious disease or illness.  
48 Any gift or compensation accepted under this subsection must be  
49 used toward expenses directly incurred, or in connection with,  
50 the care and treatment of the reporting individual, procurement

51 employee, or a child thereof. The reporting requirements under  
52 this section apply to any gift or compensation made under this  
53 subsection.

54 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
55 11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

56 11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration and  
57 reporting; exemptions; penalties.—

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

70 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
71 112.3215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

72 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the  
73 Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting;  
74 investigation by commission.—

75 (6) (a) Notwithstanding s. 112.3148, s. 112.3149, or any

76 | other provision of law to the contrary, no lobbyist or principal  
77 | shall make, directly or indirectly, and no agency official,  
78 | member, or employee shall knowingly accept, directly or  
79 | indirectly, any expenditure. However, a lobbyist or principal  
80 | may make, and a nonelected agency official or employee may  
81 | accept, an expenditure for a donation toward the care and  
82 | treatment of a serious bodily injury or a serious disease or  
83 | illness of the official or employee, or a child thereof, in  
84 | accordance with the requirements and limitations of s.  
85 | 112.3148(9).

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