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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 of
27 a physical condition that creates a substantial risk of death,
28 serious personal disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment
29 of the function of a bodily member or organ and requires care

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30 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 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

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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
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.