

26 | the special district with a report on the findings and
 27 | recommendations arising out of the investigation;
 28 | authorizing the chief executive officer of the county
 29 | or municipality or the governing body of the special
 30 | district to enforce the findings and recommendations;
 31 | authorizing counties and municipalities to adopt
 32 | ordinances, and special districts to adopt rules,
 33 | governing lobbyist registration and fees; providing
 34 | construction; amending s. 125.73, F.S.; prohibiting
 35 | the governing body of a county from renewing or
 36 | extending the employment contract of a county
 37 | administrator during a specified timeframe; providing
 38 | an exception; creating s. 125.75, F.S.; prohibiting
 39 | the governing body of a county from renewing or
 40 | extending the employment contract of the county
 41 | attorney during a specified timeframe; providing an
 42 | exception; amending s. 166.021, F.S.; prohibiting the
 43 | governing body of a municipality from renewing or
 44 | extending the employment contract of a chief executive
 45 | officer of the municipality or the city attorney
 46 | during a specified timeframe; providing exceptions;
 47 | amending s. 166.041, F.S.; defining the term
 48 | "presence"; requiring a specified number of members of
 49 | a governing body to be physically present at a meeting
 50 | for quorum purposes; authorizing members to

51 participate in deliberations of the governing body
52 through technology under certain circumstances;
53 amending s. 1001.50, F.S.; prohibiting a district
54 school board from renewing or extending the employment
55 contract of a district school superintendent during a
56 specified timeframe; providing an exception; creating
57 s. 1012.336, F.S.; prohibiting a district school board
58 from renewing or extending the employment contract of
59 the general counsel of a district school board during
60 a specified timeframe; providing an exception;
61 amending s. 112.061, F.S.; conforming cross-
62 references; reenacting ss. 28.35(1)(b), 112.3136(1),
63 112.3251, 288.012(6)(d), 288.8014(4), 288.9604(3)(a),
64 295.21(4)(d), 406.06(5), 447.509(1)(d), 627.311(5)(m),
65 1002.33(26)(a), 1002.333(6)(f), and 1002.83(9), F.S.,
66 relating to members of the executive council of the
67 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation,
68 standards of conduct for officers and employees of
69 entities serving as chief administrative officers of
70 political subdivisions, the ethics code and standards
71 of conduct for citizen support and direct-support
72 organizations, senior managers and members of the
73 board of directors of the direct-support organization
74 of State of Florida international offices, standards
75 of conduct for members of the board of directors of

76 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., directors of the Florida
 77 Development Finance Corporation, standards of conduct
 78 for the board of directors of Florida Is For Veterans,
 79 Inc., standards of conduct for district and associate
 80 medical examiners, prohibited actions of employee
 81 organizations, their members, agents, representatives,
 82 or persons acting on their behalf, standards of
 83 conduct for senior managers, officers and members of
 84 the board of governors of the Office of Insurance
 85 Regulation, standards of conduct and financial
 86 disclosure for members of a governing board of a
 87 charter school, those operating schools of hope, and
 88 standards of conduct for members of an early learning
 89 coalition, respectively, to incorporate the amendments
 90 made to s. 112.313, F.S., in references thereto;
 91 providing an effective date.

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 93 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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95 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 112.313,
 96 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

97 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,
 98 employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

99 (1) DEFINITIONS ~~DEFINITION~~.—As used in this section,
 100 unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

101 (a) "Foreign country of concern" has the same meaning as
 102 in s. 286.101.

103 (b) "Public officer" includes any person elected or
 104 appointed to hold office in any agency, including any person
 105 serving on an advisory body.

106 (2) SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—

107 (a) A ~~Ne~~ public officer, an employee of an agency, a local
 108 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election
 109 may not ~~shall~~ solicit or accept anything of value to the
 110 recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future
 111 employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that
 112 the vote, official action, or judgment of the public officer,
 113 employee, local government attorney, or candidate would be
 114 influenced thereby.

115 (b) A public officer, an employee of an agency, a local
 116 government attorney, or a candidate for nomination or election
 117 may not solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient,
 118 including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment,
 119 favor, or service, from a foreign country of concern.

120 Section 2. Section 112.3262, Florida Statutes, is created
 121 to read:

122 112.3262 Lobbying before special districts, counties, and
 123 municipalities; registration and reporting.—

124 (1) As used in this section, the term:

125 (a) "Lobby" or "lobbies" means to seek, on behalf of

126 another person or group, to influence a county, municipality, or
127 special district with respect to a decision of that entity in an
128 area of policy or procurement or in an attempt to obtain the
129 goodwill of an official or employee of such entity. The term
130 must be interpreted and applied consistently with the rules of
131 the commission implementing s. 112.3215.

132 (b) "Lobbyist" has the same meaning as in s. 112.3215(1).

133 (c) "Principal" has the same meaning as in s. 112.3215(1).

134 (2) A person may not lobby a county, municipality, or
135 special district unless he or she is registered as a lobbyist
136 with such entity. Such registration is due upon the person's
137 initial retention as a lobbyist and is renewable on a calendar-
138 year basis thereafter. Such person shall, at the time of
139 registration, provide a statement signed by the principal or
140 principal's representative stating that the registrant is
141 authorized to represent the principal. The statement must also
142 identify and designate the principal's main business and
143 authorize the registrant pursuant to a classification system
144 approved by the county, municipality, or special district, as
145 applicable. Any changes in the information provided pursuant to
146 this subsection must be disclosed within 15 days after the
147 change occurs by filing a new registration form. The
148 registration form must require each lobbyist to disclose, under
149 oath, all of the following information:

150 (a) The lobbyist's name and business address.

151 (b) The name and business address of each principal
152 represented.

153 (c) The existence of any direct or indirect business
154 association, partnership, or financial relationship the lobbyist
155 has with any officer or employee of the county, municipality, or
156 special district that he or she lobbies or intends to lobby.

157 (3) In lieu of creating its own lobbyist registration
158 form, a county, municipality, or special district may accept a
159 completed legislative branch or executive branch lobbyist
160 registration form.

161 (4) A county, municipality, or special district shall make
162 lobbyist registrations available to the public. If a county,
163 municipality, or special district maintains a website, the
164 website must make available a database of currently registered
165 lobbyists and principals.

166 (5) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to
167 the county, municipality, or special district, as applicable,
168 canceling the registration for a principal upon termination of
169 the lobbyist's representation of that principal. A county,
170 municipality, or special district may remove the name of a
171 lobbyist from the list of registered lobbyists if the principal
172 notifies the county, municipality, or district that a person is
173 no longer authorized to represent that principal.

174 (6) A county, municipality, or special district may
175 establish an annual lobbyist registration fee, not to exceed

176 \$40, for each principal represented. The county, municipality,
177 or special district may use registration fees only to administer
178 this section.

179 (7) A county, municipality, or special district must be
180 diligent in ascertaining whether persons required to register
181 pursuant to this section have complied. A county, municipality,
182 or special district may not knowingly authorize a person who is
183 not registered pursuant to this section to lobby the county,
184 municipality, or special district.

185 (8)(a) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a
186 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with a county or
187 municipality or has knowingly submitted false information in a
188 report or registration required under this section, a Commission
189 on Ethics and Public Trust established by the county or
190 municipality or, if the county or municipality has not
191 established such a commission, the Commission on Ethics shall
192 investigate the lobbyist or principal pursuant to the procedures
193 established under s. 112.324. The commission shall provide the
194 chief executive officer of the county or municipality with a
195 report of its findings and recommendations arising out of any
196 investigation conducted under this subsection. The chief
197 executive officer of the county or municipality may enforce the
198 commission's findings and recommendations.

199 (b) Upon receipt of a sworn complaint alleging that a
200 lobbyist or principal has failed to register with a special

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201 district or has knowingly submitted false information in a
202 report or registration required under this section, the
203 commission shall investigate the lobbyist or principal pursuant
204 to the procedures established under s. 112.324. The commission
205 shall provide the governing body of the special district with a
206 report of its findings and recommendations arising out of any
207 investigation conducted under this subsection. The governing
208 body of the special district may enforce the commission's
209 findings and recommendations.

210 (9) Counties and municipalities may adopt ordinances, and
211 special districts may adopt rules, to establish procedures to
212 govern the registration of lobbyists, including the adoption of
213 forms and the establishment of a lobbyist registration fee.

214 (10) This section does not preempt or supersede any
215 ordinance or charter provision establishing a lobbyist
216 registration program adopted before July 1, 2024, but this
217 section shall prevail to the extent of any conflict. In
218 accordance with s. 112.326, any ordinance or rule adopted
219 pursuant to this section may include additional or more
220 stringent disclosure requirements so long as the requirements do
221 not otherwise conflict with this section.

222 Section 3. Subsection (5) is added to section 125.73,
223 Florida Statutes, to read:

224 125.73 County administrator; appointment, qualifications,
225 compensation.—

226 (5) The governing body of a county may not renew or extend
 227 the employment contract of a county administrator during the 8
 228 months immediately preceding a general election for county
 229 mayor, if applicable, or for members of the governing body of
 230 the county unless the governing body approves such renewal or
 231 extension by a unanimous vote.

232 Section 4. Section 125.75, Florida Statutes, is created to
 233 read:

234 125.75 Contract for the county attorney.—The governing
 235 body of a county may not renew or extend the contract of the
 236 county attorney during the 8 months immediately preceding a
 237 general election for county mayor, if applicable, or for members
 238 of the governing body of the county unless the governing body
 239 approves such renewal or extension by a unanimous vote.

240 Section 5. Subsection (9) of section 166.021, Florida
 241 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and a new subsection
 242 (9) is added to that section, to read:

243 166.021 Powers.—

244 (9) (a) The governing body of a municipality may not renew
 245 or extend the employment contract of a chief executive officer
 246 of the municipality during the 8 months immediately preceding a
 247 general election for the municipal mayor or for members of the
 248 governing body of the municipality unless the governing body
 249 approves such renewal or extension by a unanimous vote.

250 (b) The governing body of a municipality may not renew or

251 extend the employment contract of the city attorney during the 8
 252 months immediately preceding a general election for the
 253 municipal mayor or for members of the governing body of the
 254 municipality unless the governing body approves such renewal or
 255 extension by a unanimous vote.

256 Section 6. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 166.041,
 257 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

258 166.041 Procedures for adoption of ordinances and
 259 resolutions.—

260 (1) As used in this section, the following words and terms
 261 shall have the following meanings unless some other meaning is
 262 plainly indicated:

263 (a) "Ordinance" means an official legislative action of a
 264 governing body, which action is a regulation of a general and
 265 permanent nature and enforceable as a local law.

266 (b) "Presence" means, for the purpose of determining a
 267 quorum and the ability of a member of a governing body to vote
 268 on questions before the governing body, having the ability to
 269 participate meaningfully in the deliberations of the governing
 270 body either by virtue of the member's physical presence at the
 271 meeting or the use of technology that allows a member to see,
 272 hear, and speak as if the member were physically present.

273 (c) ~~(b)~~ "Resolution" means an expression of a governing
 274 body concerning matters of administration, an expression of a
 275 temporary character, or a provision for the disposition of a

276 particular item of the administrative business of the governing
 277 body.

278 (5) A majority of the members of the governing body shall
 279 constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of a majority of a
 280 quorum present is necessary to enact any ordinance or adopt any
 281 resolution; except that two-thirds of the membership of the
 282 board is required to enact an emergency ordinance. On final
 283 passage, the vote of each member of the governing body voting
 284 shall be entered on the official record of the meeting. All
 285 ordinances or resolutions passed by the governing body shall
 286 become effective 10 days after passage or as otherwise provided
 287 therein. For the purpose of determining whether a majority of
 288 the members of the governing body are present at a meeting, if
 289 at least two members of the governing body are physically
 290 present at the meeting, then other members of the governing body
 291 may be considered present if they are able to participate in the
 292 deliberations of the governing body through the use of
 293 technology.

294 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 1001.50, Florida
 295 Statutes, is amended to read:

296 1001.50 Superintendents employed under Art. IX of the
 297 State Constitution.—

298 (2) Each district school board shall enter into an
 299 employment contract with the district school superintendent and
 300 shall adopt rules relating to his or her appointment; however,

301 if the employment contract contains a provision for severance
 302 pay, it must include the provisions required by s. 215.425. The
 303 district school board may not renew or extend the employment
 304 contract of a superintendent during the 8 months immediately
 305 preceding a general election for district school board members
 306 unless the district school board approves such renewal or
 307 extension by a unanimous vote.

308 Section 8. Section 1012.336, Florida Statutes, is created
 309 to read:

310 1012.336 Contracts with general counsels of district
 311 school boards.—A district school board may not renew or extend
 312 the employment contract of the general counsel of a district
 313 school board during the 8 months immediately preceding a general
 314 election for district school board members unless the district
 315 school board approves such renewal or extension by a unanimous
 316 vote.

317 Section 9. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (14) of
 318 section 112.061, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

319 112.061 Per diem and travel expenses of public officers,
 320 employees, and authorized persons; statewide travel management
 321 system.—

322 (14) APPLICABILITY TO COUNTIES, COUNTY OFFICERS, DISTRICT
 323 SCHOOL BOARDS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING
 324 ORGANIZATIONS.—

325 (a) The following entities may establish rates that vary

326 from the per diem rate provided in paragraph (6) (a), the
 327 subsistence rates provided in paragraph (6) (b), or the mileage
 328 rate provided in paragraph (7) (d) if those rates are not less
 329 than the statutorily established rates that are in effect for
 330 the 2005-2006 fiscal year:

331 1. The governing body of a county by the enactment of an
 332 ordinance or resolution;

333 2. A county constitutional officer, pursuant to s. 1(d),
 334 Art. VIII of the State Constitution, by the establishment of
 335 written policy;

336 3. The governing body of a district school board by the
 337 adoption of rules;

338 4. The governing body of a special district, as defined in
 339 s. 189.012, except those special districts that are subject to
 340 s. 166.021(10) ~~s. 166.021(9)~~, by the enactment of a resolution;
 341 or

342 5. Any metropolitan planning organization created pursuant
 343 to s. 339.175 or any other separate legal or administrative
 344 entity created pursuant to s. 339.175 of which a metropolitan
 345 planning organization is a member, by the enactment of a
 346 resolution.

347 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
 348 counties, county constitutional officers and entities governed
 349 by those officers, district school boards, special districts,
 350 and metropolitan planning organizations, other than those

351 subject to s. 166.021(10) ~~s. 166.021(9)~~, remain subject to the
 352 requirements of this section.

353 Section 10. For the purpose of incorporating the
 354 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
 355 Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1)
 356 of section 28.35, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

357 28.35 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.—

358 (1)

359 (b)1. The executive council shall be composed of eight
 360 clerks of the court elected by the clerks of the courts for a
 361 term of 2 years, with two clerks from counties with a population
 362 of fewer than 100,000, two clerks from counties with a
 363 population of at least 100,000 but fewer than 500,000, two
 364 clerks from counties with a population of at least 500,000 but
 365 fewer than 1 million, and two clerks from counties with a
 366 population of 1 million or more. The executive council shall
 367 also include, as ex officio members, a designee of the President
 368 of the Senate and a designee of the Speaker of the House of
 369 Representatives. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall
 370 designate one additional member to represent the state courts
 371 system.

372 2. Members of the executive council of the corporation are
 373 subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135;
 374 and 112.3143(2). For purposes of applying ss. 112.313(1)-(8),
 375 (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2) to activities of

376 executive council members, members shall be considered public
377 officers and the corporation shall be considered the members'
378 agency.

379 Section 11. For the purpose of incorporating the
380 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
381 Statutes, in references thereto, subsection (1) of section
382 112.3136, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

383 112.3136 Standards of conduct for officers and employees
384 of entities serving as chief administrative officer of political
385 subdivisions.—The officers, directors, and chief executive
386 officer of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity
387 that is serving as the chief administrative or executive officer
388 or employee of a political subdivision, and any business entity
389 employee who is acting as the chief administrative or executive
390 officer or employee of the political subdivision, for the
391 purposes of the following sections, are public officers and
392 employees who are subject to the following standards of conduct
393 of this part:

394 (1) Section 112.313, and their "agency" is the political
395 subdivision that they serve; however, the contract under which
396 the business entity serves as chief executive or administrative
397 officer of the political subdivision is not deemed to violate s.
398 112.313(3) or (7).

399 Section 12. For the purpose of incorporating the
400 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida

401 Statutes, in references thereto, section 112.3251, Florida
402 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

403 112.3251 Citizen support and direct-support organizations;
404 standards of conduct.—A citizen support or direct-support
405 organization created or authorized pursuant to law must adopt
406 its own ethics code. The ethics code must contain the standards
407 of conduct and disclosures required under ss. 112.313 and
408 112.3143(2), respectively. However, an ethics code adopted
409 pursuant to this section is not required to contain the
410 standards of conduct specified in s. 112.313(3) or (7). The
411 citizen support or direct-support organization may adopt
412 additional or more stringent standards of conduct and disclosure
413 requirements if those standards of conduct and disclosure
414 requirements do not otherwise conflict with this part. The
415 ethics code must be conspicuously posted on the citizen support
416 or direct-support organization's website.

417 Section 13. For the purpose of incorporating the
418 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
419 Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (6)
420 of section 288.012, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

421 288.012 State of Florida international offices; direct-
422 support organization.—The Legislature finds that the expansion
423 of international trade and tourism is vital to the overall
424 health and growth of the economy of this state. This expansion
425 is hampered by the lack of technical and business assistance,

426 financial assistance, and information services for businesses in
427 this state. The Legislature finds that these businesses could be
428 assisted by providing these services at State of Florida
429 international offices. The Legislature further finds that the
430 accessibility and provision of services at these offices can be
431 enhanced through cooperative agreements or strategic alliances
432 between private businesses and state, local, and international
433 governmental entities.

434 (6)

435 (d) The senior managers and members of the board of
436 directors of the organization are subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8),
437 (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2). For purposes of
438 applying ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and
439 112.3143(2) to activities of the president and staff, those
440 persons shall be considered public officers or employees and the
441 corporation shall be considered their agency. The exemption set
442 forth in s. 112.313(12) for advisory boards applies to the
443 members of board of directors. Further, each member of the board
444 of directors who is not otherwise required to file financial
445 disclosures pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution
446 or s. 112.3144, shall file disclosure of financial interests
447 pursuant to s. 112.3145.

448 Section 14. For the purpose of incorporating the
449 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
450 Statutes, in references thereto, subsection (4) of section

451 288.8014, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

452 288.8014 Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.; organization; board of
453 directors.—

454 (4) The Legislature determines that it is in the public
455 interest for the members of the board of directors to be subject
456 to the requirements of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143,
457 notwithstanding the fact that the board members are not public
458 officers or employees. For purposes of those sections, the board
459 members shall be considered to be public officers or employees.
460 In addition to the postemployment restrictions of s. 112.313(9),
461 a person appointed to the board of directors must agree to
462 refrain from having any direct interest in any contract,
463 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit arising
464 from an award by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., during the term of
465 his or her appointment and for 6 years after the termination of
466 such appointment. It is a misdemeanor of the first degree,
467 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person
468 to accept appointment to the board of directors in violation of
469 this subsection or to accept a direct interest in any contract,
470 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit granted
471 by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., to an awardee within 6 years after
472 the termination of his or her service on the board. Further,
473 each member of the board of directors who is not otherwise
474 required to file financial disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the
475 State Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file disclosure of

476 financial interests under s. 112.3145.

477 Section 15. For the purpose of incorporating the
478 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
479 Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection
480 (3) of section 288.9604, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

481 288.9604 Creation of the corporation.—

482 (3)(a)1. A director may not receive compensation for his
483 or her services, but is entitled to necessary expenses,
484 including travel expenses, incurred in the discharge of his or
485 her duties. Each appointed director shall hold office until his
486 or her successor has been appointed.

487 2. Directors are subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10),
488 (12), and (15); 112.3135; and 112.3143(2). For purposes of
489 applying ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135; and
490 112.3143(2) to activities of directors, directors are considered
491 public officers and the corporation is considered their agency.

492 Section 16. For the purpose of incorporating the
493 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
494 Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (4)
495 of section 295.21, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

496 295.21 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.—

497 (4) GOVERNANCE.—

498 (d) The Legislature finds that it is in the public
499 interest for the members of the board of directors to be subject
500 to the requirements of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143.

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501 Notwithstanding the fact that they are not public officers or
502 employees, for purposes of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143,
503 the board members shall be considered to be public officers or
504 employees. In addition to the postemployment restrictions of s.
505 112.313(9), a person appointed to the board of directors may not
506 have direct interest in a contract, franchise, privilege,
507 project, program, or other benefit arising from an award by the
508 corporation during the appointment term and for 2 years after
509 the termination of such appointment. A person who accepts
510 appointment to the board of directors in violation of this
511 subsection, or accepts a direct interest in a contract,
512 franchise, privilege, project, program, or other benefit granted
513 by the corporation to an awardee within 2 years after the
514 termination of his or her service on the board, commits a
515 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
516 775.082 or s. 775.083. Further, each member of the board of
517 directors who is not otherwise required to file financial
518 disclosure under s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s.
519 112.3144 shall file a statement of financial interests under s.
520 112.3145.

521 Section 17. For the purpose of incorporating the
522 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
523 Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (5) of section
524 406.06, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

525 406.06 District medical examiners; associates; suspension

526 | of medical examiners.—

527 | (5) District medical examiners and associate medical
528 | examiners are public officers for purposes of s. 112.313 and the
529 | standards of conduct prescribed thereunder.

530 | Section 18. For the purpose of incorporating the
531 | amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
532 | Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (d) of subsection (1)
533 | of section 447.509, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

534 | 447.509 Other unlawful acts.—

535 | (1) Employee organizations, their members, agents, or
536 | representatives, or any persons acting on their behalf are
537 | hereby prohibited from:

538 | (d) Offering anything of value to a public officer as
539 | defined in s. 112.313(1) which the public officer is prohibited
540 | from accepting under s. 112.313(2).

541 | Section 19. For the purpose of incorporating the
542 | amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
543 | Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (m) of subsection (5)
544 | of section 627.311, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

545 | 627.311 Joint underwriters and joint reinsurers; public
546 | records and public meetings exemptions.—

547 | (5)

548 | (m) Senior managers and officers, as defined in the plan
549 | of operation, and members of the board of governors are subject
550 | to the provisions of ss. 112.313, 112.3135, 112.3143, 112.3145,

551 112.316, and 112.317. Senior managers, officers, and board
552 members are also required to file such disclosures with the
553 Commission on Ethics and the Office of Insurance Regulation. The
554 executive director of the plan or his or her designee shall
555 notify each newly appointed and existing appointed member of the
556 board of governors, senior manager, and officer of his or her
557 duty to comply with the reporting requirements of s. 112.3145.
558 At least quarterly, the executive director of the plan or his or
559 her designee shall submit to the Commission on Ethics a list of
560 names of the senior managers, officers, and members of the board
561 of governors who are subject to the public disclosure
562 requirements under s. 112.3145. Notwithstanding s. 112.313, an
563 employee, officer, owner, or director of an insurance agency,
564 insurance company, or other insurance entity may be a member of
565 the board of governors unless such employee, officer, owner, or
566 director of an insurance agency, insurance company, other
567 insurance entity, or an affiliate provides policy issuance,
568 policy administration, underwriting, claims handling, or payroll
569 audit services. Notwithstanding s. 112.3143, such board member
570 may not participate in or vote on a matter if the insurance
571 agency, insurance company, or other insurance entity would
572 obtain a special or unique benefit that would not apply to other
573 similarly situated insurance entities.

574 Section 20. For the purpose of incorporating the
575 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida

576 Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection
 577 (26) of section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:
 578 1002.33 Charter schools.—

579 (26) STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.—

580 (a) A member of a governing board of a charter school,
 581 including a charter school operated by a private entity, is
 582 subject to ss. 112.313(2), (3), (7), and (12) and 112.3143(3).

583 Section 21. For the purpose of incorporating the
 584 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
 585 Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (f) of subsection
 586 (6) of section 1002.333, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

587 1002.333 Persistently low-performing schools.—

588 (6) STATUTORY AUTHORITY.—

589 (f) Schools of hope operated by a hope operator shall be
 590 exempt from chapters 1000-1013 and all school board policies.
 591 However, a hope operator shall be in compliance with the laws in
 592 chapters 1000-1013 relating to:

593 1. The student assessment program and school grading
 594 system.

595 2. Student progression and graduation.

596 3. The provision of services to students with
 597 disabilities.

598 4. Civil rights, including s. 1000.05, relating to
 599 discrimination.

600 5. Student health, safety, and welfare.

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601 6. Public meetings and records, public inspection, and
602 criminal and civil penalties pursuant to s. 286.011. The
603 governing board of a school of hope must hold at least two
604 public meetings per school year in the school district in which
605 the school of hope is located. Any other meetings of the
606 governing board may be held in accordance with s. 120.54(5)(b)2.

607 7. Public records pursuant to chapter 119.

608 8. The code of ethics for public officers and employees
609 pursuant to ss. 112.313(2), (3), (7), and (12) and 112.3143(3).

610 Section 22. For the purpose of incorporating the
611 amendments made by this act to section 112.313, Florida
612 Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (9) of section
613 1002.83, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

614 1002.83 Early learning coalitions.—

615 (9) Each member of an early learning coalition is subject
616 to ss. 112.313, 112.3135, and 112.3143. For purposes of s.
617 112.3143(3)(a), each voting member is a local public officer who
618 must abstain from voting when a voting conflict exists.

619 Section 23. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.