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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to school support organizations; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; defining the term "school support organization"; authorizing such organizations to pay tax on specified items purchased for resale in lieu of collecting the tax upon resale; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (11) of subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

(7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS.—Exemptions provided to any entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a representative or employee of the entity by any means, including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as

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required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

- (11) Parent-teacher organizations <u>and</u>, <u>parent-teacher</u> associations, <u>school support organizations</u>, and schools having grades K through 12.—
- 1. Sales or leases to parent-teacher organizations and associations the purpose of which is to raise funds for schools that teach grades K through 12 and that are associated with schools having grades K through 12 are exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.
- 2. Parent-teacher organizations and associations described in subparagraph 1.7 and schools that teach having grades K through 127 may pay tax to their suppliers on the cost price of school materials and supplies purchased, rented, or leased for resale or rental to students in grades K through 12, of items sold for fundraising purposes, and of items sold through vending machines located on the school premises, in lieu of collecting the tax imposed by this chapter from the purchaser. This subparagraph paragraph also applies to food or beverages sold through vending machines located in the student lunchroom or dining room of a school that teaches grades K having kindergarten through grade 12.
- 3. School support organizations may pay tax, as applicable under this chapter, to their suppliers on the cost price of

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food, drink, and supplies necessary to serve such food and drink, if the items are purchased for resale, in lieu of collecting the tax from the purchaser. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "school support organization" means an entity organized solely to raise funds to support extracurricular activities at public, parochial, or nonprofit schools that teach grades K through 12.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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