LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 02/02/2022

The Committee on Community Affairs (Gruters) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 218.077, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

218.077 Wage Mandate Preemption Act and employment benefits requirements by political subdivisions; restrictions.-

(1) This section may be cited as the "Wage Mandate Preemption Act."

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- (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Employ" has the same meaning as established under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and its implementing regulations.
- (b) "Employee" means any natural person who is entitled under state or federal law to receive a state or federal minimum wage.
- (c) (b) "Employer" means any person who is required under state or federal law to pay a state or federal minimum wage to the person's employees.
- (c) "Employer contracting to provide goods or services for the political subdivision" means a person contracting with the political subdivision to provide goods or services to, for the benefit of, or on behalf of, the political subdivision in exchange for valuable consideration, and includes a person leasing or subleasing real property owned by the political subdivision.
- (d) "Employment benefits" means anything of value that an employee may receive from an employer in addition to wages and salary. The term includes, but is not limited to, health benefits; disability benefits; death benefits; group accidental death and dismemberment benefits; paid or unpaid days off for holidays, sick leave, vacation, and personal necessity; retirement benefits; and profit-sharing benefits.
- (e) "Federal minimum wage" means a minimum wage required under federal law, including the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. ss. 201 et seq.
- (f) "Political subdivision" means a county, municipality, department, commission, district, board, or other public body,

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whether corporate or otherwise, created by or under state law.

- (q) "Wage" means that compensation for employment to which any state or federal minimum wage applies.
- (h) "Wage mandate" means any requirement enacted by a political subdivision which requires an employer to pay any or all of its employees a wage rate not otherwise required under state or federal law.
- (3) (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) (3), a political subdivision may not enact establish, maintain mandate, or enforce by charter, ordinance, purchase agreement, contract, regulation, rule, or resolution, either directly or indirectly, a wage mandate in an amount greater than the state minimum wage rate calculated pursuant to s. 24, Art. X of the State Constitution or the federal minimum wage rate. Any wage mandate that conflicts with this subsection is void. Additionally, a political subdivision may not otherwise require an employer to pay a minimum wage, other than a state or federal minimum wage, to apply a state or federal minimum wage to wages exempt from a state or federal minimum wage, or require an employer to provide employment benefits not otherwise required by state or federal law.
 - (4) This section does not:
- (a) Limit the authority of a political subdivision to enact, maintain, or enforce, through a collective bargaining agreement or other means, establish a minimum wage requirement other than a state or federal minimum wage or to provide employment benefits not otherwise required under state or federal law:
 - 1. For the employees of the political subdivision; or

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- 2. For the employees of an employer contracting to provide goods or services for the political subdivision, or for the employees of a subcontractor of such an employer, under the terms of a contract with the political subdivision; or
- 3. For the employees of an employer receiving a direct tax abatement or subsidy from the political subdivision, as a condition of the direct tax abatement or subsidy.
- (b) Apply to a domestic violence or sexual abuse ordinance, order, rule, or policy adopted by a political subdivision.
- (c) Limit, restrict, or expand a prevailing wage required under state law.
- (5) (4) If it is determined by the officer or agency responsible for distributing federal funds to a political subdivision that compliance with this act would prevent receipt of those federal funds, or would otherwise be inconsistent with federal requirements pertaining to such funds, then this act does not apply, but only to the extent necessary to allow receipt of the federal funds or to eliminate the inconsistency with such federal requirements.
- (6) (5) This section does not prohibit a federally authorized and recognized tribal government from requiring employment benefits for a person employed within a territory over which the tribe has jurisdiction.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ======== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:



98	A bill to be entitled
99	An act relating to preemption of local government wage
100	mandates; amending s. 218.077, F.S.; providing a short
101	title; defining the terms "employ" and "wage mandate";
102	deleting the definition of the term "employer
103	contracting to provide goods or services for the
104	political subdivision"; revising prohibitions relating
105	to political subdivisions enacting, maintaining, or
106	enforcing wage mandates in an amount greater than the
107	state or federal minimum wage; specifying that any
108	wage mandate that conflicts with such prohibitions is
109	void; revising applicability; providing construction;
110	providing an effective date.