A bill to be entitled
An act relating to voting conflicts; amending s. 112.3143, F.S.; revising requirements for the disclosure of voting conflicts by specified public officers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 112.3143, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

112.3143 Voting conflicts.—

(2)(a) A state public officer may not vote on any matter that the officer knows would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Any state public officer who abstains from voting in an official capacity upon any measure that the officer knows would inure to the officer’s special private gain or loss, or who votes in an official capacity on a measure that he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of any principal by whom the officer is retained or to the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate principal by which the officer is retained other than an agency as defined in s. 112.312(2); or which the officer knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of a relative or business associate of the public officer, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. Additionally, the officer shall, before the vote
being taken, publicly state to the assembly the nature of the
officer’s interest in the matter from which he or she is
abstaining from voting and the time and manner in which the
officer became aware of the conflict. If it is not possible for
the state public officer to file a memorandum before the vote,
the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for
recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after
the vote.

(3)(a) A county, municipal, or other local public
officer may not vote in an official capacity upon any
measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or
loss; which he or she knows would inure to the special private
gain or loss of any principal by whom he or she is retained or
to the parent organization or subsidiary of a corporate
principal by which he or she is retained, other than an agency
as defined in s. 112.312(2); or which he or she knows would
inure to the special private gain or loss of a relative or
business associate of the public officer. Such public officer
shall, before the vote being taken, publicly state to
the assembly the nature of the officer’s interest in the matter
from which he or she is abstaining from voting and the time and
manner in which the officer became aware of the conflict.

Within 15 days after the vote occurs, the public officer shall
also disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public
record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for
recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the
memorandum in the minutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.